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Student to face assault charges

Suspect indicted for beating fellow JCU student, could face a minimum two years in jail

Caitlin Huey-Burns
Campus Editor

A John Carroll University junior is charged with felonious assault and kidnapping after being accused of beating a JCU student in an off-campus home on Nov. 16.

The suspect was indicted on Dec. 3 by a grand jury in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. If convicted, he faces a minimum sentence of two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$15,000.

On Monday, the student went before the five-member University Hearing Board, which is comprised of students, faculty and staff. Results of the hearing are confidential.

tial.

In a response to an e-mail from The Carroll News, the accused wrote, “I am extremely remorseful about the incident and there is no excuse for my actions. They were despicable.”

The victim declined to comment.

According to University Heights police, the victim, also a junior, was asleep on a couch in the suspect’s off-campus house. The suspect punched the victim in the face several times, dragged him from the couch onto the floor, kicked him in the face and head, and then stomped on the victim’s head twice before being restrained by others.

Friends of the victim immediately took

him to the Hillcrest Hospital emergency room where he was treated for injuries to the face, primarily his eyes and nose.

Records show the suspect, listed at 6-foot 1-inch tall and 245 pounds, thought the student had “bad mouthed” him earlier in the night. The victim is listed at 5-foot 7-inch tall, 150 pounds.

Both students are suspected of using alcohol.

Police were not called to the scene. The next day, a JCU staff member noticed the injuries when the victim attended Mass in St. Francis Chapel. The staff member reported what he saw to Campus Safety Services and an officer contacted the Dean of Students’

Office.

On Nov. 17, a member of the dean’s office contacted the student to inform him of his rights as a victim of a crime. The student then filed a report with CSS and the UHPD was contacted.

The suspect was arrested on Nov. 24 at his Bromley Road home by UHPD and posted \$10,000 bail the next day.

UHPD Lt. David Novinc said felonious assault usually means the suspect either had a weapon or, as in this case, was dangerous. “A simple fight is not a felonious assault. Usually the suspect is like a prizefighter. This

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Seniors Celebrate

Katie Sheridan
Campus Editor

Seniors were more than a little upset when they heard the rumor that the budget for their Senior Celebration was drastically cut and the event would no longer be held at the Cleveland Browns Stadium.

The Class of 2008 went over budget, and seniors were afraid that it would affect this year’s spending limit.

“That is absolutely false,” said Ashlee Burrs, assistant director of student activities. “The budget has been the same every year. This year’s budget is not lower.”

Last year’s senior class did go over budget, but it will not cut into this year’s budget. The other hint of truth in the original rumor is that the celebration will no longer be held at Browns Stadium.

“To say it’s [Browns Stadium] expensive would be a vast understatement,” said Burrs.

Instead, this year’s budget will go towards the main event, an evening on Cleveland’s largest excursion ship, the Goodtime III, and several other activities.

Senior Class President Jessica Landis said, “We were looking for a less expensive venue.”

According to Burrs, last year’s committee wasn’t aware that they would be going so far over budget.

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T-shirts of Oppression

Residence Life fails to sweat the details

Kate McCall
Managing Editor

When administrators from the Office of Residence Life ordered shirts to promote an event meant to educate the campus about various forms of injustice, they thought they were doing the right thing by requesting fair trade and sweatshop-free T-shirts.

What they received in return were T-shirts not guaranteed to be fair trade certified and several upset students.

T-shirts were made to promote the Tunnel of Oppression, held Dec. 2-3. According to John Mack, assistant director of Residence Life, the Tunnel’s purpose is “to show how JCU is carrying out its mission, and also recognize ways we oppress others and don’t realize it, so we can change that.”

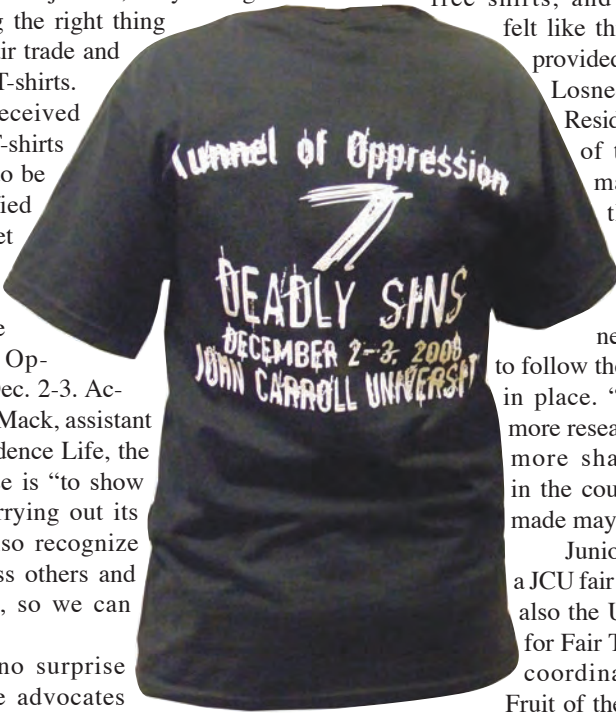
It came as no surprise when fair trade advocates sent e-mails to inform the community of the origins of the shirts. They were understandably upset that the T-shirt company could not guarantee that those making the shirts were earning a living wage and worked in a safe environment.

Mack said that this year, Residence Life decided to order the shirts through University Tees. This was a different supplier than last year when former Resident Minister Ashley Boone helped order the shirts.

“We asked for fair trade and sweatshop-free shirts, and the company felt like this is what they provided,” said Heather Losneck, director of Residence Life. Fruit of the Loom, the manufacturer of the shirts, has certifications, and at face value, said Losneck, they seem to follow the labor laws set in place. “But if you do more research, it is a little more shady. The laws in the country they were made may not be fair.”

Junior Natalie Terry, a JCU fair trade intern and also the United Students for Fair Trade campaign coordinator, said that Fruit of the Loom posts a code of conduct on its Web site. But, Terry said, “So do other large corporations such as Nike or Gap. The company needs to disclose the worker’s wages, or where the factories are

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Happy Holidays

from The Carroll News



Campus Briefs

Cleveland Clinic summer research opportunity

Sophomores and juniors majoring in biology, chemistry, psychology, physics, mathematics and computer science may apply for the summer research program at the Cleveland Clinic. Applications are available outside of Jim Lissimore’s office in Dolan W241. Applications are due on Friday, Jan. 16 by noon. Contact Jim Lissimore at jlissemore@jcu.edu.

Baseball team holds holiday camp for kids

The John Carroll University baseball team will hold a “Holiday Baseball Camp” for kids ages 5-14 in grades K-8. The baseball camp will be held on Dec. 22-23, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the DeCarlo Center. The cost for one full session is \$60 and there is a \$15 discount for families with more than one child participating. A JCU baseball T-shirt is included. For more information, contact the JCU Baseball Office at 216-397-4660.

‘The Apprentice’ star Bill Rancic at JCU

Bill Rancic, star of “The Apprentice,” will speak to John Carroll University on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. The event will take place in Dolan Science Center’s auditorium. Tickets will go on sale the week before in the Lombardo Student Center Atrium. While the event is free, you must have a ticket to get in.

Date set for 2009 Ride for Miles

The 2009 Ride For Miles in memory of Miles Coburn will be held on Sept. 12, 2009. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor or volunteer for this event or is interested in buying a T-shirt or jersey should contact Chris Coburn coburnc@ccf.org.

- Compiled by Emily Gaffney

Pruce named director of government and community relations

Emily Gaffney Staff Reporter

Dora Pruce might have the toughest job in University Heights. As director of government and community relations, she will be responsible for all of JCU’s relations and activities with the local, state and federal government. Pruce will also track legislation and initiatives at all levels of government to ensure they are in the best interest of the University and its future. She will be working closely with officials from University Heights, Shaker Heights, the state of Ohio, the federal government, and the University’s Office of Advancement. “I will be directly negotiating

with the city of University Heights on the needs for the students of JCU,” said Pruce. “It’s about being an ambassador and communicating with elected officials about all John Carroll has to offer.” Pruce replaced Jerry Sheehan, who retired from JCU last May after 19 years of work at the University. “I was excited about the opportunity to combine all of my legislative experience, having previously lobbied and worked for state and federal governments, into one position,” said Pruce. “Plus, it is an honor to work for an institution that is held in such high regard with elected officials, who I will be directly working with,” she said. The Cleveland native, who now

resides in Willoughby, comes to JCU with years of experience working with government officials. After graduating from the College of Wooster, Pruce spent several years working as a legislative aide in the Ohio House of Representatives. She was also the director of government affairs for the Greater Cleveland Partnership/ COSE, and most recently worked as the district director for Ohio Senator George Voinovich in Cleveland.



Photo by Caitlin Huey-Burns

Dora Pruce worked for Ohio Sen. George Voinovich before coming to JCU.

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is a serious case.” The kidnapping charge means holding someone against his or her will. The victim chose to press criminal charges against the suspect because the incident occurred off campus and involved criminal

damaging. According to Dean of Students Sherri Crahen, “It doesn’t matter where the incident occurred. What matters is that there were two JCU students involved.” The University issued a “no contact” order between the two students to protect both parties until a resolution is reached.

While Crahen could only speak in general terms given the confidential nature of the case, she said that it is “the practice of the Dean of Students Office to restrict a student’s activity on campus when there is a serious allegation of physical or sexual assault.” She said that in a given academic year, there are a “handful” of cases

like these at JCU. She noted that this incident in particular is “a very serious situation.” She said, “Our feeling is to handle these cases as soon as possible because it is stressful for both students involved.” Generally, the University also reserves the right to suspend or expel a student in a situation like this, depending on the case.

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actually located. That requires an independent auditor.” In 2006, Terry said that the Tunnel of Oppression T-shirts were not fair trade, and people were upset. Last year, the T-shirts were both USA-made and union-made. But, “this connection was lost this year,” she said. When Terry saw the Tunnel T-shirts for the first time more than a week ago, she looked at the tag and noticed the discrepancy. She then wrote an e-mail to other students informing them of the situation and encouraged them to e-mail Residence Life. “I wanted them to show that fair trade is something we believe in,” said Terry. Several e-mails were sent to Residence Life, and Terry was happy to see students standing up for what they believe in. Losneck also saw a positive in the e-mails sent to Residence Life. “It was good to see students taking a stand,” she said. “It is important for Residence Life to do the right thing, and also to see others recognize that importance.” Included in doing the “right

thing” was Residence Life collecting all of the T-shirts it had passed out to Resident Assistants and select other students. The shirts, which were not being sold, were made solely to promote the Tunnel of Op-

“I feel that a bit of our objective was lost when Residence Life bought shirts that were not fair trade certified.”

-Matt Wooters Resident Assistant

pression. While all of the shirts have been collected and will be donated, Losneck said it has not yet been determined where they will go. Losneck also said that she will be meeting with students such as Terry and representatives from JUSTICE, a JCU group that supports the fair trade interns and helps advocate the fair trade movement on campus. “Our intentions were there to purchase fair trade and sweatshop-free T-shirts,” said Losneck. “In the future, we will be doing more as an office to ensure this happens.” Terry knows that it was Residence Life’s intentions to order

the fair trade shirts. But she also said that on the Campus Ministry Web site, there is a link to see how to order fair trade shirts and what companies provide these types of shirts. “This is why the Web site was created. The best way to order fair trade shirts is to go through this Web site,” she said. Next year, Terry hopes that Residence Life can work with Campus Ministry to ensure fair trade T-shirts. “We’ve spent the last few years promoting fair trade, and I’m so glad students responded to this situation. It was a great feeling.” In the future, Terry would like to talk to the Student Union in passing a resolution that says all JCU organizations must order fair trade T-shirts. For now, she said groups such as JUSTICE, Campus Ministry and

the Arrupe Scholars are the only ones she knows of on campus that have chosen to order items through fair trade. R.A.s had different reactions to the T-shirt situation. Senior Matt Wooters, who currently serves as an R.A. in Murphy Hall, said he thinks the Tunnel is a great program to expose injustices in the community and in the world. However, he said, “I feel that a bit of our objective was lost when Residence Life bought shirts that were not fair trade certified. It was an unfortunate mistake, especially for a program like Tunnel, when our money went to oppressing others.” Senior Rose Petitti, the Senior R.A. in Bernet Hall, felt quite differently. She said that Residence Life did order fair trade T-shirts, and when they realized they were not, they took the appropriate actions since “The shirts did not represent the message they wanted to send out to the student body,” said Petitti. Petitti said, “Some people are trying to make a scandal out of nothing. It was like the National Inquirer making news out of one shred of evidence.”

Campus Safety Log



November 17, 2008
A student reported being assaulted off campus at 2:50 a.m.

November 19, 2008
Theft of a wallet was reported at 8:19 a.m.

November 19, 2008
A burglary was reported in Millor Hall at 10:22 p.m.

November 19, 2008
A door in Millor Hall was kicked in at 10:24 p.m.

November 20, 2008
Theft and criminal damaging in Shula locker room was reported at 1:02 p.m.

November 22, 2008
A snowball broke a dorm window in Murphy Hall at 12:28 a.m.

November 22, 2008
Vandalism was reported in Murphy Hall at 10:46 p.m.

November 30, 2008
A common room window in Murphy Hall was reported broken at 11:05 p.m.

December 3, 2008
A student reported his cell phone stolen from a jacket at 9:54 p.m.

These incidents are taken from the files of Campus Safety Services, located in the lower level of the Lombardo Student Center. For more information contact x1615.

Robert Bloom is a professor and Mulwick Scholar in accountancy. He has taught First Year Seminar, Finance, several Accounting courses and International Business.

Favorite book?

Most recently “Anglo Files” by Sarah Lyall.

Any particular favorite foods?

Well, you would find order, neatness, and a lack of clutter.

Any truth to the rumors that you are an Ultimate Fighting Championship fan?

I used to enjoy watching UFC; it was a good outlet for me. However, it has become too violent now, so I haven't been watching it.

Favorite sport?

I really enjoy individual sports such as swimming, walking and hiking. I also enjoyed watching the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, since that is

Who are five people (dead or alive) with whom you would want to have dinner?

Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Jackson, Thomas Jefferson, Warren Buffet
and Nelson Mandela.

-Interviewed by Matt Huml



Robert Bloom

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“It was not in a way that we had foreseen. We know a lot more going into it this year,” said Burrs.

The senior budget was not affected because if the group goes over budget, it goes into the University deficit. The money for these activities comes from the University, not the Student Activity Fee.

extra day off, especially during the summer.”

"I believe this is a positive change," said sophomore Megan May.

“Although free time in the summer should be used to further one’s education, it should also be used for enjoyment because everyone deserves a break,” said May.

This summer will offer introduction to religious studies, moral decision making, literary journalism, management information systems, spreadsheet applications, database applications, and communications applications. Some additional courses are pending.

“The appeal is convenience,” Miller said. “Our student body is geographically diverse; offering on-line courses provide summer classes for our out-of-town students.”

Junior Ryan Kearns is interested in taking summer courses. "It's a

new frontier for John Carroll,” said Kearns. “It makes summer classes more appealing to all students.”

May finds the variety of courses available attractive.

"I think it is a great idea to offer core classes such as philosophy and religion during the summer because one can then focus on courses concerning his or her major during the academic year," said May.

For May, being able to focus solely on a major during the fall and spring semesters would “truly benefit the student in the long run.”

Miller said that online courses would not be a shortcut.

“Students who take the online courses must be willing to do the work themselves and exercise their self-discipline.”

The Registrar Office will post the schedule of summer classes on Dec. 11. Registration for the summer sessions will begin March 16.

RL 101: Intro to Religious Studies

RL 260: Moral Decision Making

CO 308: Literary Journalism

MN 522: Management Information Systems

BI 107: Spreadsheet Ap-
plications

BI 108: Database Applications

BI 109: Communications Applications

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Unwrapped gifts for the JCU Giving Tree are due to St. Francis Chapel, the Campus Ministry Office, the Center for Service and Social Action, or to a Resident Minister.		SUPB is sponsoring a showing of "The Dark Knight" at 10 p.m. in the Dolan Auditorium.		The women's basketball team will play Capital University at 3 p.m. in the De-Carlo Center. There will be a mid-night feast in Schott Dining Hall.		Mass in St. Francis Chapel will be held at 6 p.m. only.		Finals Week		Finals Week		Finals Week	

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Questions about the award or the nominating process should be directed to:
Dr. Paul Lauritzen, Chairperson 216-397-4980 or plauritzen@jcu.edu

What to wear to your boyfriend's holiday dinner

Commentary by
Lauren Cohen
Staff Reporter

Here in Cleveland, the snow is falling, the streets are slushy and the lights have gone up to celebrate the holidays. Many families do their best to prepare a holiday feast and join together to show gratitude and appreciation for the loved ones around them.

Others go out to the malls searching for the perfect holiday outfit.

However, what if you are on the outside this holiday season? What if this is the crucial time you are meeting your boyfriend's family for the holiday?

How does a young woman even begin to tackle this presumably overwhelming and anxiety-provoking task of dressing to impress without seeming too put together or too relaxed? One must do so in a way that is conservative and simple, but still shows personal style and individuality.

Clothing can tell a group of people, especially your potential future in-laws, what kind of person you are and who you hope to become. In all fairness, the first impression is crucial in this type of situation, not to say that one should dress in professional slacks and a business-style blazer, but on the flip side, a mini-skirt and sequined tube-top are hardly appropriate, especially with the snow falling down.

When in doubt, a conservative yet stylish and classy wrap dress is always in season, with black tights and either ballet flats or even a simple pair of black pumps. Ladies, we can never go wrong with the elegant Coco Chanel inspired little black dress with a simple cardigan to put over the shoulders.

A simple pair of dress pants and a pretty cashmere sweater or silk top is never a bad choice, either. The idea here is to show the people around you who you are, and what you like, but still look put together in a simplistic, stylish way.

It is in this way that clothing allows a woman to tell a story, to project herself the way she hopes to be perceived and to feel as lovely and put together as she hopes her boyfriend's family will believe her to be.

However, the truth is, the clothes can only carry you so far; it is who you are and what you give to others that truly matters. But who is to say clothes cannot help raise these standards?

Lauren Cohen is a sophomore who has attended the Teen Vogue Fashion University for two years in a row. Cohen will intern with Teen Vogue Magazine over winter break and also with designer, Nanette Lepore over the summer.

Gift-giving on a budget

Check out these great gifts that won't break the bank

For him:

Personalized gun metal multi-tool money clip. Give this handy tool to one of the special men in your life and let him save the day. It incorporates a knife blade, scissors, bottle opener, file and flat-head screwdriver. Engrave his name or initials for just \$6 more.
<http://www.thingsremembered.com>

\$14



For her:

A Fair Trade scarf makes a perfect gift for the women of the family. Give one to your mom or sister to use when you aren't home to give them a big bear hug. This fashion accessory is seen on all the stars today. They come in all different styles, colors and lengths.
<http://shop.thehungersite.com>

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For a friend:

A personalized photo calendar is great for your best friend. Make each month's picture one of you and your friend. You can print in significant dates and birthdays, and it can be for 12 or 18 months.
Kinkos.com or in stores.

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For a significant other:

Dedicate a star. The most treasured gifts in the universe are in the sky. Give this imaginative gift to the brightest star in your life. This gift will last a lifetime.
<http://www.starnamer.net/>



- Compiled by Elizabeth Castellano

Give the gift of improved quality of life this holiday season

Elizabeth Castellano
The Carroll News

The temperature is hot and the wind is fierce. Militiamen wearing long sleeves carrying intimidating guns run through the unpaved streets raiding homes, barging through closed doors, raping and killing innocent civilians. Everyone from the smallest infant to the mother caring for the baby is subject to this massacre.

The Khartoum government in Darfur, Sudan has been enforcing this policy of "scorched earth" since 2003. In five years, the genocide in Darfur has taken the lives of more than 400,000 people and displaced more than 2,500,000 people into refugee camps.

With death tolls reaching the thousands every month, action to help these people must be taken.

You can change, protect and save lives by giving a "Gift that Gives More." By visiting www.thehungersite.com you are able to choose from nearly 100 gifts that directly benefit those in need.

A few gift ideas include \$10 to buy shoes for a girl in Africa, allowing her walk to school. This amount will also allow you to immunize five children in Burma from fatal diseases.

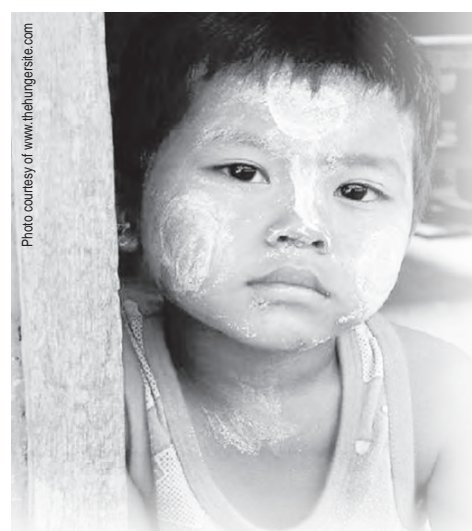
For \$15, you can supply clean water to a school in Tanzania. To send a child orphaned by AIDS to school in Zambia costs only \$20.

One gift that will directly help those caught within the conflict in Darfur is a \$20 high efficiency stove.

This stove requires 75 percent less fuel, reducing exposure to violence outside the refugee camp. By using less fuel, the stove emits less smoke, thereby reducing the area's pollution. The stove is small in design, is built using scrap metal and provides both jobs and income to the local refugees.

John Carroll University's mission is to educate students and faculty to become men and women for others. Serving those in need is one way to live this mission.

These gifts can offer an improved quality of life, safety and hope to those who are suffering.



This child lives in Darfur, Sudan. For \$10 you can pay to immunize five children like him from fatal diseases.

Photo courtesy of www.thehungersite.com

The Cleveland Browns promote local charities at red carpet premiere of 'Yes Man'

Fame isn't just fun and games. With the Thanksgiving spirit still lingering and Christmas just around the corner, our hometown heroes know how to keep the spirit of giving alive.

Rachel Szuch
Arts & Life Editor

"The more you receive, the more you should give," said Braylon Edwards as he walked the red carpet at Cinemark Valley View in Cleveland on Dec. 8. Several Browns players came out to show their support of both Edwards' Advance 100 Program and The Granted Wish Foundation.

In addition to Edwards, Brady Quinn, Brodney Pool, Martin Rucker and Eric Wright attended the event, which premiered Jim Carrey's latest film, "Yes Man." The film opens nationwide on Dec. 19.

"Yes Man" is a comedy starring Jim Carrey as Carl Allen, a man who feels he has nothing to offer the world and shuts himself off from life.

After attending a new-age seminar on how to say "yes" to everything, Allen follows the "yes" philosophy religiously. This new take on life brings Allen a world of new experiences, but he eventually learns that sometimes saying "yes" is as bad as "no."

Edwards said "yes" to 100 students from the Cleveland Municipal School District in May 2007 when he launched The Braylon Edwards Advance 100 Program.

The 100 students chosen for the program must commit to having no unexcused absences, performing at least 15 hours of community service each year, displaying good citizenship and conduct and maintaining a grade point average of 2.5 or better.

"They want to be like us, so it makes it easier to give back," Edwards said of the Advance 100 recipients.

Edwards credits his mother as his motivation for launching the program. "She always talked about the importance of giving back to the community," he said. "It's my duty to give back."

As a reward, Edwards pledged \$1 million in academic scholarships for the students upon their high school graduation.

Eric Reese, the father of an Advance 100 recipient, said, "You appreciate the money part, but the children notice that they show up to these events." Reese's son, Denzale, is a sophomore at the Cleveland School of the Arts and plans on pursuing a degree in the field of zoology in college.

Sporting a semi-casted hand as a result of a football injury, Quinn said, "Surgery went well," and he was eager to promote both The Advance 100 Program and The Granted Wish Foundation at the film premiere.

Quinn has worked closely with The Granted Wish Foundation in the past and attended other events in promotion of the organization.

He was excited to be able to once again promote the charity, which is a non-profit organization that works to make wishes come true for disabled, disadvantaged and deserving individuals and families.

"It's been great being able to grant wishes for people who aren't so fortunate," said Quinn. "I look forward to supporting it in the future."

Rucker said that he came out to support his teammates and the charities. "I was raised to always give back," he said.

Pool agreed and said, "I thought it would be a good thing to give back."

Brady Quinn (pictured here), Braylon Edwards and other Cleveland Browns football players said 'yes' to charity at the red carpet premiere of 'Yes Man'

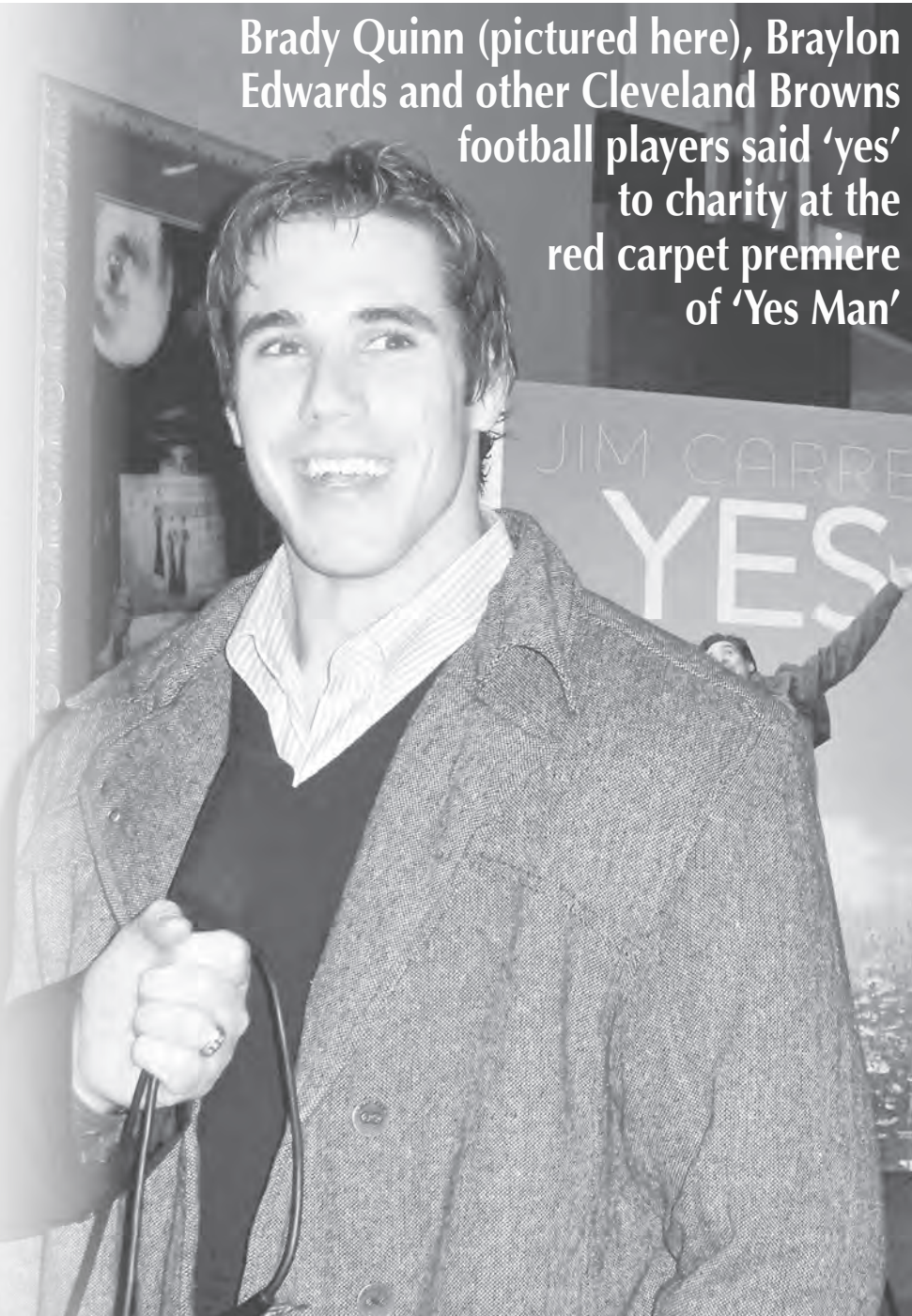


Photo by Rachel Szuch

Browns players give their reactions to 'Yes Man'

Rucker

"I'm a big Jim Carrey fan. I was watching the movie thinking, 'I've said yes just for the experience.'"

Quinn

"Awesome. Jim Carrey was great. I don't know if I'm a yes man, maybe I need to turn into that after seeing the film."

Pool

"Great, I really enjoyed it. Funniest movie I've seen in a while."

Hollywood brings home the bacon, despite the failing economy

Anne McCarthy
Asst. Arts & Life Editor

In the 1930s, the Great Depression devastated America. Millions of people were hungry, unemployed and on the down-and-out. However, despite these hardships, 60 to 70 million people still went to the movie theater each week, and Hollywood was in its "Golden Age" period.

People flocked to theaters nationwide to see movies like "The Wizard of Oz," "Gone with the Wind" and "King Kong." Reflecting on this phenomenon, President Franklin Roosevelt remarked, "During the Depression, when the spirit of the people is lower than at any other time, it is a splendid thing that for just 15 cents an American can go to a movie and look at the smiling face of a baby and forget his troubles."

As America enters into a recession period, Hollywood remains a formidable industry with surging economic suc-

cess. Movies are drawing huge crowds, especially during this holiday season. USA Today reports, "U.S. theaters over the weekend [Thanksgiving] took in 126 percent more than the comparable weekend last year. It's the fourth consecutive weekend to top 2007 totals."

Variety reports "Four Christmases" as the top earner for the Thanksgiving weekend, bringing in \$31 million. Second was the teen-girl cult favorite, "Twilight," with earnings of \$26 million.

Other top earners for the weekend included the new James Bond "Quantum of Solace," Baz Luhrmann's epic "Australia," and the laugh-out-loud comedy "Role Models."

Pamela McClintock of Variety said, "Christmas is the merriest time of the year. For that two-week stretch, more people are available to go to movies than at any other time of the year, resulting in grosses that eclipse any two-week summer numbers."

It seems that the Hollywood film industry is virtually invincible, despite how tough the economy may be. This is in large part due to the "magic of movies." Movies instill a sense of hope, humor, optimism, passion and more for the viewer. A film offers escapism from the world, and provides an adventure and renewed perspective on life.

Steven Spielberg, the most successful and prominent filmmaker of all time, said, "Every time I go to a movie, it's magic, no matter what the movie's about."

More movie magic is arriving in December when Jim Carrey's "Yes Man," Adam Sandler's "Bedtime Stories," Brad Pitt's "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," and Kate Winslet and Leo DiCaprio's long-awaited reunion in "Revolutionary Road" all grace the silver screen.

So if finals are taking their toll and the work is piling up a little too high, take a break and go see a movie. A slew of characters are waiting out there to spread some holiday cheer.

Will Smith weighs in on 'Seven Pounds'

Craig Willert
Movie and Music Critic

Will Smith visited Cinemark Theater in Valley View on Nov. 20 as part of a five-city trip to promote and answer questions about his new film, "Seven Pounds." Cleveland is the fourth city on Smith's trip, which includes Miami, Dallas, St. Louis and Denver. As part of the event, Smith donated 200 turkeys to the Cleveland Food Bank, which had a truck on-site at the event for food donations from the general public. The first 200 people that came with a non-perishable food were able to join the media in a screening of the film. After the screening, junior Craig Willert conducted an interview with Smith.

Q: This was your third movie in the past two years that dealt with redemption, why?

A: I got really fascinated with the idea of trauma, emotional trauma, and the idea of recreation of life after trauma, the idea of loss and how you continue after you've lost something. It is such a powerful, defining element of character. If you spent two or three days with somebody, you could make a really good guess what their big trauma is from childhood or if they were lucky enough to get in their teenage years before they experienced the thing that defined them.

Q: How did you build this character?

A: It's the process of acting and understanding a character. When you understand the seed that made this person what he is, you're able to create strange behavior. You are adjusting your instincts to create natural reactions. He wanted to know if these people were good people. He needs to look at people's eyes. That is such a powerful discovery. We worked with a body language specialist. We wanted to know how you tell if someone is lying or scared. The specialist said, 'Everybody wears a mask.' This is a character trying to look behind peoples' masks. He's trying to keep his mask on at the same time he's trying to look under the other person's mask. That role develops into a character so drastically different from Will Smith that I can deliver the darkness naturally.

Q: What fascinated you about this character, Ben Thomas?

A: The idea of finding the traumatic element in that character, that shaped his identity; that there really is no such thing as death. That death is really like winter. We think about it in a straight line, but that's not how it is. There's the spring, summer, fall, winter and it's spring again. What's interesting to me about this character is he was thinking in that straight line. He thought death meant it was over.

Q: What are you seeing/sensing as you meet people to promote this movie?

A: People are so inspired right now. We are doing food drives with all of the premieres. People are helping. Even people who didn't vote for Barack Obama accept and appreciate the hopeful energy. People want change. It may not have been the change they voted for, but it's so rare that there has been a de-polarization. People are energized to make our country better. I've seen so many American flags. There is an embracing of the potential future. For me, that was an important part of wanting to do it this way, to get out, meet people and shake hands. On Nov. 3, I was nervous and not certain at all that Barack could win. When it was a landslide on Nov. 4, I realized I was out of touch. I didn't know what people were thinking, really didn't know people were feeling. My kids were looking at me. I was crying uncontrollably... I'm looking at my kids and they had no idea why it was such a big deal for me. It was a possibility for them.

Will Smith donated 200 turkeys to The Cleveland Food Bank as part of his red carpet event on Nov. 20 at Cinemark in Valley View to promote his latest film, 'Seven Pounds.' Prior to Cleveland, the 40-year-old Philadelphia native visited Miami, Dallas and St. Louis and ended his five-city trip in Denver on Nov. 21.



Photo by Bob Seeholzer

'Seven Pounds' features phenomenal acting

MOVIE REVIEW 'Seven Pounds'



Craig Willert
Movie and Music Critic

The Fresh Prince has now been crowned the King of the big screen. The once jovial, carefree actor now rules over the movie industry with a sense of maturity and confidence.

"Seven Pounds" will symbolize the coronation of 40-year-old Will Smith when it releases everywhere Dec. 19.

In his second collaboration with the producers and director that brought us "The

Pursuit of Happiness," Smith turns to the darker side of life in this morbid, melancholic drama.

Ben Thomas (Smith) has drastically changed his life and ruined the lives of seven others in only seven seconds. The guilt-ridden Thomas spends the duration of the movie in an effort to change the lives of seven strangers for the better.

We meet several different people with varying degrees of trauma that dictate their lives. Emily Posa (Rosario Dawson) needs a heart transplant, Ezra Turner (Woody Harrelson) is blind, Connie Tempos' husband beats her, George Ristuccia needs a kidney transplant and young Nicholas needs bone marrow. And one man, Ben Thomas, has the ability to change these strangers' lives forever.

In what is by far his best performance, Smith stimulates the audience's mind with the

idea of trauma and death. The Philadelphia native challenges audiences to take an introspective look at their character, as the movie raises the question: Are you a good person? "Seven Pounds" marks Smith's third movie within the past two years which embodies the theme of redemption.

The acting was phenomenal. Smith, Dawson and Harrelson each nailed their characters, while Barry Pepper supported Smith as the emotional, thought-provoking best friend.

Smith and Dawson did lack chemistry at times, and I was unable to feel a connection between the two during their intimate scenes.

However, after seeing this movie twice, I feel that this will be the film that finally gets Smith the coveted Academy Award that has eluded him in the past.

Such and Szuch

'Tis better to give



Rachel Szuch
Arts & Life Editor

I rarely cry. Not one of those girls who gets teary-eyed at sappy movies, I'm always surprised when I see someone crying unless they've just lost a loved one or gone through something particularly tragic or life-altering.

When I see a depressing movie, I don't cry when the main character finds out that he or she only has six months to live; instead, I critique their acting abilities or lack thereof. Rather than ball my eyes out when I end a relationship, I get angry. And I never, never cry when I'm overwhelmed with happiness.

So, you can imagine my shock this past Saturday when I found myself tearing up as I watched the excitement exploding out of my seven-year-old little buddy at the annual "Through the Eyes of a Child" event put on by Circle K.

Not to say that I was an emotional mess or had tears streaming down my face, but I did catch them gathering in my eyes as Ismael, the child that I spent the day with, said how happy he was with his gift.

When I signed up for the event, I received my buddy's wish list. His gift of choice was a Nintendo Gameboy SP, which was much more expensive than the meager \$20 that I had planned on spending. So, as I walked through the toy aisle at a local department store, I couldn't make up my mind—I couldn't imagine anything that was going to measure up to the gift that he had asked for.

Finally, after about 30 minutes of searching, I decided on a basketball and a model car kit. In his letter, he mentioned he likes to play outside, so the basketball was an obvious choice and the car seemed like a safe backup in case the ball didn't go over well; after all, don't all little boys like toy cars?

The oldest of three, I'm used to seeing my youngest brother—the baby of the family—get whatever he wants and not truly appreciate how lucky he is. Thus, I didn't expect much excitement over my modest gift.

But, as Ismael opened his gift and smiled from ear to ear, I couldn't help but be overcome by the feeling that I had really made a difference in his day. I did something that brought him complete happiness and all it took was \$20.

It was the best \$20 I think I've ever spent. Not only because it made Ismael so ecstatic, but also because it made me realize how big of a difference I can make by doing something so small. People rarely surprise me to the point of tears, but this little guy did it just by being thankful.

So, as you're shopping this holiday season and trying to spend your money wisely, remember that sometimes even the smallest effort on your part or the most generic gift can bring the greatest joy to someone else.

As cliché as this may sound, it truly is more rewarding to give than to receive. After all, Christmas is the time to do for others and truly appreciate the people in your life. I know I will always appreciate Ismael for reminding me of that this holiday season.

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Battle of the bestsellers: Is 'Twilight' the new 'Harry Potter'?

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Staff Reporter

With hundreds of fan sites, millions of books sold and themed rock bands based on its characters, it's no doubt the "Twilight" franchise is booming.

The feature film based on the first book in the four-part series was released Nov. 21, the date formerly occupied by the release of "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince."

So while some Potter fans are fuming over the nine-month pushback, others see "Twilight" as the new "Harry Potter" they'd love to sink their teeth into.

"'Harry Potter' and 'Twilight' are both fantasies that connect in their own ways and share somewhat of a similar audience," said John Carroll University freshman Evelyn Green.

Both of the series' films were widely anticipated due to the extreme popularity of the books. The first installments of J.K. Rowling's and Stephanie Meyer's series were at the top of The New York Times best-sellers list.

However, while "Harry Potter" focuses on more of an adventure wizardry storyline, "Twilight" takes on more of a love story approach that incorporates the impossible beauty of a family of vampires. While most students couldn't find comparisons between Hermione and Bella or Dumbledore and Carlisle, they were particularly interested in Harry versus Edward.

"You feel more for Harry because he's trying to improve himself and at the same time he's facing these impossible odds, whereas Edward is this all-powerful being who gets whatever he wants whenever he wants it," said freshman Dan Call.

Green sees the personas of Harry and Edward as diametrically opposed.

"Whereas Harry is the hero who's

naturally good with internal devils, Edward calls himself a 'monster' and a 'bad guy'" she said. "So Edward feels more in the dark, trying to be good, while Harry is good but he sees himself as doing things that could potentially be bad."

The only subtle romances that filled the pages of Rowling's series were those of Harry and Ginny or Ron and Hermione, which were gradually built up over the course of the novels. Bella and Edward's romance begins after the first few chapters.

"A lot of 'Twilight' fans are reading the book for the love story, whereas 'Harry Potter' fans read it more for the adventure — you're not going to get that love story element in 'Harry Potter,'" said sophomore Anna Schade.

Although the main characters may have their differences, both series have produced loyal aficionados throughout the years.

"Twilight" fans include mostly female teens who are obsessed with the main character, Edward (Robert Pattinson), and have read and possibly re-read Meyer's saga. "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" lured readers of both genders looking for characters donning sparkling magic wands instead of characters donning sparkles. According to Meyer, Edward's skin is "like marble—very pale, ice cold, and sparkles in the sunlight."

"Twilight" fans are all girls, it's that simple," Call said. "However, they're like 'Harry Potter' fans in that they became obsessed with the books."

The fans indeed proved themselves as true devotees. In its opening weekend, "Twilight" took a bite out of the box office, grossing \$70.6 million. However, it did not top "Harry Potter and the

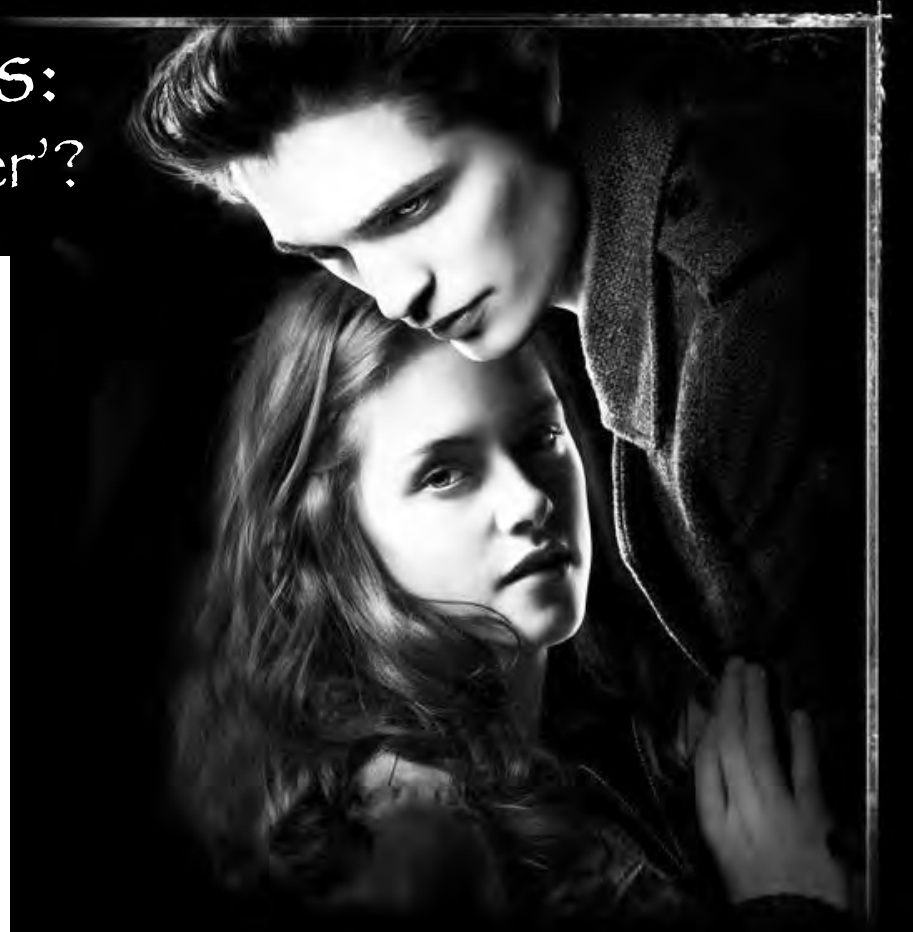


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Sorcerer's Stone's" weekend earnings — \$90.3 million during the weekend of Nov. 16, 2001.

Some may say that the anticipation for the first "Harry Potter" film release was higher, but Call explained that it has to do with the fans.

"'Twilight' plays up the magic side, but when you compare its fans to 'Harry Potter's,' there are definitely more girl fans for that story," he said. "'Harry Potter' appeals to more people."

Still, both series have similar settings. "Twilight" takes place in the small town of Forks, Wash. on the murky Olympic Peninsula and "Harry Potter" in the mystical setting of the British boarding school Hogwarts.

"The settings share a dark and gloomy mood, and they have that forestry atmosphere," said Schade.

These two series have analogous characteristics, but questions have arisen as to whether they will remain comparable.

One element in the "Twilight" franchise seems to be the topic of discussion amongst many fans. With the release of the first movie in November and the series' last book this past August, many predict that Twilight fans won't be as hungry as Potter fans because they have the possibility of finding out what's going to happen in the series.

"'Twilight' fans now have access to all four books, whereas 'Harry Potter' fans never had that advantage when the first movie came out," Call said. "That element helped the Harry Potter series out because it created fans who wanted to keep up with the series book by book and movie by movie."

Boys buying into BOTOX

Lydia Munnell
The Carroll News

Beauty is pain — even for men.

Or at least that's what the increasing numbers of men receiving the "minimally invasive" cosmetic procedure Botox would indicate.

Botox, derived from the paralyzing bacteria *Clostridium botulinum*, is injected into the face, blocking the signals sent from nerves to muscles.

Muscles ultimately lose their ability to contract, resulting in the softening of wrinkles. Traditionally, this has been a desirable effect for

wealthy, aging women.

However, it's beginning to gain popularity among men.

"They're using an item that's typically associated with women in order to be trendy and modern," said Bill Myers, a junior at John Carroll University.

According to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, almost 300,000 men received Botox injections in 2007, up four percent in one year.

This increase is representative of an even larger rise of male cosmetic procedures in the past 10 years.

More and more men are concerned with improving their looks by way of both surgical and non-invasive cosmetic procedures.

"Usually women are subject to the pressure to look beautiful," said freshman Chris Shaheen. "A cultural norm is changing, and maybe it's a good thing that women aren't the only ones subject to that."

Junior Angie Santoro said, "I don't think it should be confined to one sex."

Despite this apparent shift in masculine values, many men still seem uninterested in any type of cosmetic procedure.

Male JCU students also seem unconvinced.

Myers said, "I find the idea of putting needles into your face to get rid of lines to be totally ridiculous — for me at least."

Shaheen said, "I'd be embarrassed . . . People who get it are either insecure or are too worried about what other people think — too society conscious."

Insecure or not, more than 11.5 million men had some type of cosmetic procedure last year, according to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, and the numbers show no sign of decline.

"My first exposure to Botox was in the 2004 election when I heard John Kerry had gotten it, and I thought it was ridiculous. Now it's become much more mainstream," said Myers.

With a single Botox treatment costing an average of \$500, there is some question among college males as to whether it and other cosmetic procedures are worth the money.

"Those men should be spending their money in a different way," Myers said.

Someone apparently thinks it's worth the money, though.

Last year, nearly \$12.5 billion was spent on cosmetic procedures, and about \$2.3 billion of it was spent on Botox.

Despite its prevalence, Botox does have risks.

The American Society of Plastic Surgeons said that, "Complications from fillers are uncommon," but also lists side effects from "redness, rash, and infection at the injection site, to acne-like skin eruptions, bleeding, bruising, and even facial asymmetry."

There is also some risk that the chemical will migrate from the original site and produce temporary paralysis of other muscle groups.

It could also form lumps or nodules that may require surgery to treat.

"The point is to make yourself prettier," said freshman Belinda Johnson. "You wouldn't take medicine that makes you sicker."

Women, however, are still the traditional

recipients of Botox, and plastic surgery is by no means declining in its popularity among American females.

"Our society definitely believes that it is stranger for a man to get Botox," said freshman Madeline Presper.

"I think it is ridiculous, especially for guys," said Johnson.

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Merry Christmas



From all of us at the Carroll News



40 YEARS LATER

This year marks the fortieth anniversary of JCU officially becoming co-ed.

Alex Sword
Staff Reporter

The 2008 fall semester marks the 40-year anniversary of women being integrated into John Carroll University. JCU was originally a men's college, but the University and all its programs officially became co-educational in 1968.

For the 2007–08 school year, the enrollment was approximately 3,800 students. The student body, including graduate students, is currently 46 percent men, 54 percent women. The campus now includes eight residence halls, one of which is an all-female dorm. In a nation where women outnumber men, what can be said about the atmosphere of John Carroll before women were integrated?

For a time, before the University went fully co-ed, the school did have female students in "night school," which began at 2 p.m. If a female wanted to take a class that was scheduled earlier in the day, she would have to obtain an academic petition from the dean. The Rev. William Bichl, who recollects teaching in the 1963–64 school year, said he had a few women in an afternoon class, and some more in evening classes. Those at night were older women, generally—old enough to be mothers of some of the regular, daytime students.

Rev. Bichl recalls that the transition went quite well. "The male students were saying,

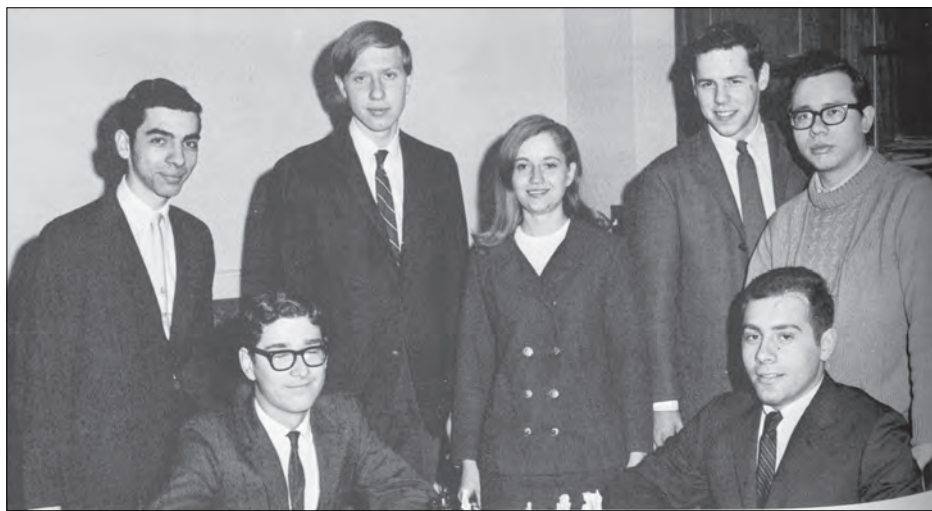
however, 'Stop teasing us! Either go fully co-ed or don't admit any women at all!'" he said.

Helene Sanko, professor of Classical & Modern Languages and Cultures at JCU, remembers some difficulties for women attending John Carroll before it went officially co-ed. "Scheduling was a problem. Female students could only attend afternoon courses. Transportation also was a problem," she said.

Sanko recalls what times were like pre-1968. "In brief, JCU was much smaller; it was just the AD Building," Sanko said. "Students from other schools, in particularly female students from Notre Dame College, would come for social events. The most significant event was a Mardi Gras Ball with magnificent floats that students would spend days to create," she said.

Sanko went on to say that the women would come in elaborate dresses to enjoy music, "There would be two orchestras on each floor of the cafeteria and two dance floors. The floats would be judged and prizes would be awarded. Eventually they would end up in the display windows of large downtown Cleveland department stores such as May Company, Higbee's, or Halle's."

Leo Schneider, professor of Mathematics



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Above: Even the chess team was affected by the change (1969).

Below left: A female student enters the Administration Building (1968).

Below right: This cheerleader wasted no time getting into the JCU spirit (1968).



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Above: Mary Neff, the first full-time woman faculty member at JCU, walks by as her freshman mathematics students take the time to check out their new instructor in 1956.

Below: A group of male cheerleaders enjoys the company of female counterparts.



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& Computer Science, shed light on many interesting facts from back in the day as well. “A big shock for the school was when [in 1956] they hired the first female professor – it even made headlines in The Plain Dealer – Mary Neff,” Schneider said.

“There were always a few girls around, but they were a minority at the time for the University and therefore went virtually unnoticed.”

Going co-ed was an easy transition for most. The obvious difference was that now girls were definitely noticed, and more involved in campus activities and clubs.

This transition was also a big boost for the mathematics department, Schneider said. “We received many female math majors who were very intelligent – and that stands true today as well.”

But it wasn’t just the obvious addition of women that changed the campus – it was also the physical aspect of the University. Murphy Hall, currently a freshmen co-ed dorm, was built in 1964 for the arrival of women on campus and was the first co-ed dorm. Schneider remembers that was a big shock because it was a whole new, rather large building built to house the incoming female students as well as males.

The Bohannon Center, built a year before

the integration in 1967, has something interesting to note. While walking through the building, you will notice that there are more men’s restrooms than women’s.

As for the University now and how it has changed, many would say we have come far.

As for the upcoming years, percentage ratios of female to male students at the University are expected to increase.

Taking a look at the various clubs at Carroll it is clear that many organizations have female officers and high authority members. For example, the Office of Student Activities contains five females and one male. Both the president and financial officer of the Honors Students Association are female. And, during the 2007-08 term, each class president representing the classes of 2008 to 2011 are women.

Since their admission in 1968, women have fully embraced being a part of the JCU community and have contributed to the history just as the men have been doing since 1886. This year marks the fortieth year of female integration at John Carroll and while women have made large strides within the university so far, it is safe to say that they will continue making positive impacts on the community for another forty years.



Left: The 1970 homecoming participants lined up. The court was finally able to provide both a king and queen.

Right: A shot from the 1971 Carillon shows some members of JCU’s chapter Gamma Pi Epsilon.



India to blame Pakistan for recent tragedy in Mumbai hotel

The brutal terrorist attacks coupled with tense relations are pushing India and Pakistan towards conflict

Matt Greene
The Carroll News

The Mumbai attacks on Nov. 26 intensified the bitter relationship between India and Pakistan. While Kashmir is usually the arena for battle between the two South Asian nations, attacks have recently occurred beyond the disputed region, stretching farther into India and abroad.

The bombing of the Indian Embassy in Kabul this past summer, the assassination of Pakistani presidential-hopeful Benazir Bhutto last December and the recent Mumbai attacks have strained relations.

After World War II, India was carved up, creating what would become The Republic of India and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, which would later split into Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Pakistan would be reserved for Muslims and India for non-Muslims. Once the partition was signed, millions of people left to find a new home in their designated land. However, nearly half a million people were killed due to violence.

Despite the massive move, many Muslims remained in India, which currently has a Muslim population of around 150 million, outnumbering the Muslim population in Pakistan.

The most significant problem as a result of the partition is the widely known Kashmir dispute.

The nation to which Kashmir would belong was to be decided by popular vote, but the violence that broke out eventually had to be settled by a United Nations cease fire, with both countries staking a claim.

Today, Kashmir is to South Asia what Palestine is to the Middle East. A constant tension exists with violence elevating on occasion. The tiring ordeal appears to show no sign of being resolved.

Government and terrorist activity is often attributed to the Kashmir conflict, but other forces are adding momentum to the fighting.

A wave of Hindu nationalism is rapidly growing throughout India, leaving the Muslim minority inside India feeling alienated.

The Bharatiya Janata Party, a Hindu nationalist party, has taken a hard stance towards militant Islamists, but the emotions have wrongfully spilled over to India's moderate Muslim population.

As Hindu propaganda gains support, India's Muslims are left to defend their allegiance to the country and to persuade non-Muslims that they are not part of the extremist movement.

The Mumbai attacks, though, may not have been only a response to Hindu Nationalism and Kashmir, but also to globalization. Hard-line extremist groups, such as Al-Qaeda, cite the Muslim world's shift towards the West as a fundamental problem for Islam.

Unfortunately for India, the bond between extremists and sectors of the Pakistani government makes mediation difficult.

At one point in time, Pakistan officially recognized the Taliban, and it appears that factions of Pakistan's military still provide assistance to extremist organizations in south and central Asia.

The Kabul embassy bombing this past July reportedly was carried out with aid from the ISI, the



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People stand outside the Taj Mahal Hotel, the site of the Mumbai attacks, after Indian commandos killed the remaining terrorists occupying the hotel.

Pakistani intelligence wing.

As shown by Pakistan's soft response to the Mumbai attacks that killed nearly 200 people, the exit of former President General Pervez Musharraf has not fared as well as the West initially hoped.

President Asif Ali Zardari has not proved to be the leader he promised to become. The West, and particularly the United States, saw his wife, the assassinated Benazir Bhutto, as the key to calming the crisis with India and combating terrorism in the region.

Pamela Mason of the John Carroll University political science department explained how Zardari has not governed Pakistan with the effectiveness that his wife had promised.

"Bhutto was a much more astute

politician, and Zardari is regrettably now president," Mason said.

It is almost impossible to predict how Bhutto would have acted after the Mumbai attacks. Many like to believe that she could have reduced the pressure that Pakistan and India face.

The two nations face extreme internal and external pressures. India's Hindus are becoming increasingly nationalistic, while the country's economic success is vital to international business.

Moreover, Islamists are infiltrating India's borders and the United States is now expecting India to be more responsible in the global war on terror.

Pakistan is faced with equal challenges. Mason said the United States' intentions of working with

both countries has shifted to just India.

"Pakistan feels surrounded," she said.

A United States military presence in Afghanistan, an upset and angry India, and a Chinese government worrying about extremists themselves will all have a close watch on an unstable Pakistani government.

Preventing extremists from sending South Asia into turmoil is India's goal, but an aggressive response may only fuel more angst and lead to similar attacks.

As far as the United States is concerned, President-elect Barack Obama's plan to transfer troops from Iraq to Afghanistan may gain more popular support if the situation does not calm down.

Auto industry bailout hotly debated

Meghan Wolf
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The Carroll News

The current deadlock in the auto industry bailout may soon be coming to an end after recent news of November job losses.

Congressional Republicans and President George W. Bush have both agreed to find funds to aid automakers from wherever they can be found.

Rick Wagoner, head of General Motors, argued that the impact of not granting the bailout would be the loss of three million jobs and \$150 million of personal wealth within the first year alone.

"This is about much more than just Detroit," said Wagoner to the Senate Banking Committee. "It's about saving the U.S. economy from a catastrophic collapse."

Many are not convinced by Wagoner's pleas and remain opposed to a bailout, but everyone is fearful of the unknown result.

Lindsay Calkins, a John Carroll University economics professor said, "There are two separate theories. If there is no government help in which we allow them to fail, that's a lot of jobs to lose, which could pull us worse into recession. On the other hand though, bailouts do not always work long term and

why should taxpayers be paying for executive mistakes?"

President-elect Barack Obama feels that no matter which way the U.S. Congress and House vote, all should act cautiously and think long-term.

"We are not going to simply write a bunch of checks and let them be spent without some very clear criteria as to how this money is going to benefit the overall economy and put people back to work," said Obama on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Obama is adamant that changes in the auto industry need to be made soon in order for the bailout to be successful.

Andrew Welki, an economics professor at John Carroll University, said that without change in the structural problems in the company, "We are helping to finance, but not solving the problem."

General Motors needs at least \$4 billion by the end of the month in order to stay in business this month, and another \$6 billion of \$16 billion within the first quarter in order to continue operations and stay in business until 2010.

Chrysler needs \$4 billion of the \$7 billion requested, by March's end. Ford, which is actually the healthiest of the companies, wants to avoid borrowing money but wants access of up to \$9 billion in

loans just in case unforeseen problems arise.

Auto industry CEOs have received harsh criticism, but have rallied against it by stating they know they have made some bad decisions and have promised to work for \$1 a year.

The CEOs are trying to show that they are working to fix things, but when it comes to the possible usage of taxpayer dollars, the government needs to make sure that the bailout will not be in vain.

Dana Perino, spokesperson for the White House, said, "The companies would need to be viable in order to receive taxpayer dollars. I think everyone can agree that you wouldn't want taxpayer dollars going to something that would not be a long-time concern or something that could actually succeed in the future."

Despite the apparent breakthrough, reluctance is still evident among House Republicans and White House officials who doubt the bailout will help any of the Big Three.

Some still believe a bankruptcy filing would be a better way for companies to become competitive and restructure, while others are concerned that if the automakers get a bailout, other industries will also ask for help.

20,000 troops to be in U.S.

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The Carroll News

In order to respond quickly and effectively to a nuclear or terrorist attack, the U.S. Defense Department plans on deploying 20,000 uniformed troops inside the United States by 2011.

According to a Washington Post report, the troops are expected to be stationed to aid state and local officials during a disaster.

The plan intends to establish three rapid reaction forces that will be prepared and ready to respond with urgency.

The change in Defense Department strategy has been long planned and backed by congressional funding. However, the move is questionable and critics believe there may be a violation of the Posse Comitatus Act, enacted in 1878.

This federal law was put in place to restrict the military's ability to intervene in domestic law enforcement practices.

The Bush administration and others in Congress, however, argue that the new deployments are necessary to prepare for weapons of mass destruction attacks.

These attacks, the administration argues, are the greatest domestic threat to America. On the other hand, John Carroll University se-

nior Sam Brenner said that the plan makes the United States look vulnerable.

"Rather than making us look like we're preparing for a terrorist attack, it looks like we are expecting one. At the same time, it is disheartening to see that the government is violating the law without proper checks and balances," Brenner said.

Still, times have changed and the violation of the law might be worthwhile.

"If the government violates a 130-year-old law in order to protect the lives of innocent civilians, I am certainly not opposed," said JCU senior Scott Matthews.

The military's preparation against WMD attacks began as early as 1996, according to the Washington Post.

Back then, 350 Marines were trained to respond to a chemical or biological attack. The preparation plans hurried at a much quicker pace after the attacks of Sept. 11 and the Iraq war.

Brenner does not disagree with increasing preparations as long as government officials do not circumvent the law.

"Being ready to respond to a catastrophic incident is one thing, but constructing threats and blatantly violating the law is another that should be scrutinized," he said.

Rome is Zurning



Mike Zurn

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Hope for the GOP?

Over the past few years, the Republican Party seems to have lost its way. For any of you thinking that I am about to bash the Bush administration, think again. The Bush administration has contributed, but should not be blamed for the party's misguided direction in recent years.

After all, the administration was handed one of the toughest presidencies in history. Many mistakes were made, yes, but dealing with a country in a recession coupled with the largest attack on U.S. soil is no minor task.

With that said, the blame for the GOP's misdirection rests upon dumb, uneducated, ill-informed Evangelical Christians who have propelled themselves to the frontlines of the party (still not talking about Bush, ironically). As party leaders, they have managed to redefine the conservative ideology into a gay-hating, terrorist-fighting, spending machine.

These ignorant Republicans use partisan Christian beliefs to promote the new agenda, and in turn have isolated the most crucial element of the party—the intelligent one. The intelligent Republicans have left the party only to be replaced by fanatical Christians who do not even believe in evolution. Come on! How can the Democratic Party not win against that?

Even though it took a few years, the left finally won. The turn of events, however, comes at a very difficult time for the Democrats. In their quest for power, President-elect Barack Obama and the Democratic Party made many promises.

As the strong majority, Americans are expecting Democrats to bring the country positive results. Through no fault of the party, however, Democrats will be transitioning into a time that may require broken promises.

For example, before elected, Obama vowed to repeal the Bush administration's tax cuts immediately after taking office. With today's lack of consumer spending, however, the president-elect will probably let the tax cuts expire in 2010 instead.

Furthermore, domestic and international problems will likely continue into the future. Even if the Democratic Party is not to blame, Republicans might have an opportunity to redeem themselves in coming elections.

To stand a chance, Republicans must return to true conservative principles, which require substantial party reform. Domestically, the GOP must appoint leaders and push policies that promote fiscal responsibility and limited government. For those of you wondering, John McCain is not conservative.

Internationally, conservatives must capitalize on the many flaws of the United Nations and opt to leave United States power unconstrained from binding multilateralist policies. Believe it or not, the United Nations is not very popular in the eyes of most Americans.

Moreover, Republicans must steal a page from the Democratic playbook and present America with strong, youthful and charismatic candidates. In fact, they should probably hire Obama as a consultant.

Most importantly, the party must leave ignorant Evangelical Republicans behind! While the road is tough, complete party reformation is the GOP's only option to regain Americans' trust and win elections in the future.

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Obama and security team take center stage

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Last Monday, President-elect Barack Obama introduced the key members of his national security team that will advise and assist him on foreign policy and national security issues.

The team includes former rival Sen. Hillary Clinton as secretary of state, Gen. James L. Jones as national security adviser and Robert Gates, who will keep his current position as secretary of defense.

Although they hold somewhat divergent views on foreign policy, not only from Obama but also from each other, they are alike in both their experience and pragmatism in foreign affairs.

According to Dwight Hahn, assistant professor of political science at John Carroll University, Obama's national security team will pursue a foreign policy noticeably different from that of President George W. Bush by emphasizing multilateralism and public diplomacy. However, he also said that Obama won't be afraid to use military force.

"There is a strong element of idealism in Barack Obama's foreign policy team, and they are prepared to use force to back up the implementation of that vision," Hahn said.

As evidence of the pragmatic yet tough foreign policy stance that the new administration will take, Hahn pointed out Obama's choice of Gen. Jones, a former NATO commander, as his national security adviser.

"By choosing a military officer and former Marine Corps general for this position, Obama is signaling to the world that the United States won't be afraid to use appropriate military force when it is challenged."

As for Sen. Clinton, who sparred with Obama over foreign policy during the Democratic primary debates earlier this year, Hahn said that as secretary of state, "She will be the face that will represent Obama's foreign policy...her background demonstrates a strong commitment to multilateralism and to human rights, particularly women's rights."

Obama's decision to keep Robert Gates, who was appointed secretary of defense in 2006 by President Bush, not only reflects the president-elect's commitment to bipartisanship but also ensures leadership stability in the Department of Defense during the first wartime presidential transition in 40 years.

Gates, who was a major proponent of the "surge" strategy in Iraq, will have the important job of overseeing one of Obama's main foreign policy goals, which is to remove



AP Photo

President-elect Barack Obama, pictured with cabinet appointees for secretary of state and national security adviser, Sen. Hillary Clinton and Gen. James L. Jones.

combat forces from Iraq by 2011 and shift the military's focus back to restoring security in Afghanistan.

In addition to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Hahn stated that Obama will also focus on finding a resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and on strengthening governing institutions in territories with weak states, such as Somalia and the Darfur area.

"Obama's national security team is very concerned with weak and failing states, and they will do what is necessary to support them, especially in regards to their institutions and infrastructure," Hahn said.

Perhaps no one in Obama's national security team reflects this sentiment more than Susan Rice, his nomination for ambassador to the United Nations.

Known as an "advocate of 'dramatic action' against genocide," Rice has proven that she is not afraid of using military force, as well as humanitarian assistance, to defend human rights.

Hahn believes that Rice, who served as Obama's foreign policy adviser during his campaign, will be a key figure in terms of foreign policy formulation. To emphasize his commitment to multilateralism and cooperation with the U.N., Obama plans on incorporating Rice's position into his Cabinet.

Obama's security team will also have to deal with the dangers posed by nuclear weapons programs in Iran and North Korea and political instability in Pakistan, which has allowed it to become a haven for terrorists, including those who carried out the recent attacks in Mumbai, India two weeks ago.

A recent report issued by the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism warned that if the United States and its allies don't take immediate action – primarily in relation to Pakistan, Iran and North Korea – terrorists may be able to carry out an attack using weapons of mass destruction within the next five years.

To address these security concerns, Hahn stresses the importance of "soft power," or the ability of a nation to affect other nations through cultural or ideological means, which he believes Obama's security team will utilize.

In Iran, Hahn predicts that Obama will aim to "build a bridge to the middle class through the use of soft power, which includes offering scholarships for study abroad programs to Iranian students and meeting with Iranian academics and former political leaders."

He believes Obama's security team will also use soft power, along with institutional support, to maintain Pakistan's fledgling democracy.

In addition, Obama plans to engage in direct negotiations with Iran. Although the Bush administration has largely avoided such negotiations, many experts feel it would offer the best chance for improving relations between Iran and the West.

Hahn, who believes Obama will wait at least until after the Iranian presidential elections are held in March to begin negotiations, said Obama must be careful not to provoke an Iranian nationalist reaction to the United States.

Transition for president-elect: quick and busy

Kevin Grande
The Carroll News

After winning an election, president-elects must shift their focus on governing. During this time period, the members of the next administration must be established and initial policy proposals are formulated.

This situation is currently being undertaken by President-elect Barack Obama and his transition team, led by President Bill Clinton's former Chief of Staff John Podesta. A new dynamic with the growing economic crisis makes this period different from those in the past.

John Carroll University political science professor Larry Schwab said the Obama team has "hit the ground running" by nominating people for Cabinet positions and setting forth policies that the incoming administration expects to initiate.

Many of the people being selected to fill positions in the Obama administration are familiar names from the Clinton years. This includes White House Chief of Staff designate,

Rahm Emanuel, who served as senior adviser to Clinton, Secretary of Treasury designate, Timothy Geithner, who served as under-secretary of Treasury, and Attorney General designate, Eric Holder, who held the deputy position at the Department of Justice.

Also among these names is Hillary Clinton, who will serve as the next secretary of state. The junior senator of New York has been tapped by Obama to fill what is considered to be the most prestigious position in the Cabinet.

Schwab pointed to a few reasons behind the rationale of the selection. "[Obama] is thinking about the unity of the Democratic Party," he said.

Schwab argues that while the Democrats are currently in a good position, Obama wants to be conciliatory to the supporters of Sen. Clinton's presidential run. Schwab also said, "She is popular around the world," and "[Obama] is impressed with her ability."

Schwab thinks that under normal circumstances, Obama would have chosen different people. Schwab said that because of the

global economic crisis, Obama must, "give confidence to Americans and the world." By naming highly experienced individuals, the fear of uncertainty in leadership is relieved.

Nevertheless, Schwab is expecting the Obama administration to move on many of its campaign promises.

These include a middle class tax cut, health care reform, a push for alternative energy and pulling troops from Iraq within 16 months.

According to Schwab, if in the first months it is seen that Obama is moving forward with his newly proposed public works plan and his economic stimulus package, including many of the reforms he highlighted in the campaign, then people can expect Obama to be the one making the policy and those under him will be the ones enacting the policy.

If this does not happen, then there is room for concern. While a variety of factors affect the beginning of a president's administration, Obama might be different. The way Obama has involved himself as president-elect is uncanny, and his determination to start working signals a quick start to the administration.

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THE REAL 'MORAN CLAN'

Tim Ertle
Sports Editor

If the old adage "imitation is the most sincere form of flattery" is true, then John Carroll University men's basketball coach Mike Moran should be very flattered.

Three of Moran's sons have chosen to enter the coaching business just like their dad did. All three are teachers, but also serve as high school head coaches in Northeast Ohio. Pat Moran, 31, is the head coach at Madison High School, while his brothers Pete, 28, and Matt, 27, serve as head coaches at Berkshire High School and Chardon High School, respectively.

Coaching forces the Morans to spend countless hours around the game of basketball, which is nothing new.

"There were six of us kids, so sometimes when my mom just needed a break, my dad would take us up to practice [at Saint Joseph High School, now Villa Angela-Saint Joseph] and let us hang out up there," said Pete Moran.

"Some families have a room that they try and make into a play area for their kids," said Mike Moran. "We lived close to the facilities at St. Joseph High School, so we used to take the kids up there and let them run around in the gym. It was a huge play-pen, and it just so happens that in the gym, the toys available were basketballs."

With exposure to the game so early in life, it's easy to see how some of the Moran children fell in love with basketball at such an early age. Still, they emphasize that their dad introduced them to basketball – he never pushed it on them.

"My dad took us to practices when we were little and would let us play all the time," said Pete Moran. "But it was never like he made us go and shoot 1,000 jump shots. My dad loves basketball, my brother Joe and my sister Jane never really got involved in athletics and my dad never pushed it on them."

Even without having the game forced down their throats, four of the six Moran children went on to play basketball at the collegiate level.

The eldest of the six Moran children, Bridgette, who is now married to Lake Catholic High School head coach Mark Chicone, had a standout career at VASJ before going on to play Division I basketball at Robert Morris College. She later transferred to JCU when her dad took the JCU job and she continued to play for the Blue Streaks. Pat Moran played one season at JCU, then took over as a freshman basketball coach at Berkshire High School.

Pete and Matt Moran both played four seasons under their father, and both were members of the 2003-04 team that went to the NCAA Division III Final Four, the furthest any team has gone in the history of Blue Streak basketball.

Both Pete and Matt Moran, as well as their father, will always cherish that season in particular.

"That season was just tremendous all around," said Matt Moran. "In our family, it was always the dream to play for our dad. To play for him, but also to have my brother as a teammate, and together to be a part of the best team that John Carroll has had is something I still cherish to this day."

Mike Moran felt the same way. "That was really a special season for me," he said. "It was great to have such a winning season and go that deep in the tournament, but to do it with two of your sons on the team was really the icing on the cake."

While the Morans used to team up, they'll go against each other quite frequently this season.

Matt will lead his Chardon Hilltoppers team against one of his family members in four of his team's 20 games this year, starting tomorrow night with a showdown against his brother-in-law's Lake Catholic team.

Just in time to provide some dinner table conversation at Christmas, Chardon has Pete Moran's Berkshire squad coming to town on Dec. 23. Chardon will then play Pat Moran and Madison twice after the New Year as they both compete in the Premier Athletic Conference.

In addition, Madison has a non-league game with Lake Catholic on this year's schedule.

"We run some of the same sets and we all coach with some of the same principles, which usually makes for a good and entertaining game," said Pat Moran of the inner-family games. "You know what the other guy on the bench is doing, so it's like a chess match. However, as soon as that game is over it stays there on the court."

JCU sophomore Kelly Blair has been coached by all three Moran brothers at some point and can testify that they're all similar in coaching style.

"They just want their players to play hard," said Blair. "At practice and in the games, they really just expect each player to put forth as much energy as they can."

By practicing what they preach and putting in all that hard work, the Morans have gained reputations as great basketball coaches in the area.

The hard work of a coach includes a lot of time spent in the gym or in the office breaking down game film. These responsibilities have to be juggled with work duties and family time. Pat Moran, the father of three, said, "Dinners around this time of the year are later in the evening because of practice schedules, but we still are a normal family and do everything that a normal family does."

Mike Moran credits much of that to the women of the Moran family.

"My wife, JoAnn, is so supportive, and all the boys have tremendous women in their lives that came from families where athletics were important," he said. "The time thing is just as hard on them because for a coach, there's always more film to watch."



Mike Moran
Head Coach
John Carroll University



Matt Moran
Head Coach
Chardon High School



Pat Moran
Head Coach
Madison High School



Pete Moran
Head Coach
Berkshire High School

Moran Meetings

Five times this winter, a Moran brother will go up against family:

Dec. 12:
Mark Chicone v. Matt Moran
Lake Catholic v. Chardon

Dec. 23:
Matt Moran v. Pete Moran
Chardon v. Berkshire

Jan. 16:
Matt Moran v. Pat Moran
Chardon v. Madison

Jan. 20:
Mark Chicone v. Pat Moran
Lake Catholic v. Madison

Feb. 20:
Matt Moran v. Pat Moran
Chardon v. Madison

Matt Moran played four years of basketball at JCU. He is currently the head coach at Chardon High School.



Blue Streaks pull out OAC opener

Pat Nygaard
Staff Reporter

The John Carroll University men's basketball team began their season with a 2-2 start, with both losses caused by a basket that came within the last ten seconds of the game.

This time, finally, the breaks down the stretch went JCU's way.

The battle-tested Blue Streaks went on the road Saturday against a tough Otterbein team and came away with a victory. JCU held a 14-point lead in the first half, only to see Otterbein come all the way back and take a 14-point lead of their own.

When it was all said and done, the Blue Streaks narrowly edged out the Cardinals, 86-81, in the Ohio Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

JCU exploded out of the gate by scoring the first 11 points of the contest due to the skills of junior Brian Dandrea and sophomore Maurice Haynes.

"My teammates were able to create open shots for me and I was able to knock them down," said Dandrea, who scored 17 points in the game.

The Blue Streaks held a commanding 31-17 lead in the first half, only to see the Cardinals score 26 of the next 40 points to cut JCU's lead to 44-43 at halftime.

"We cooled off a little late in the first half and couldn't connect on some of the shots we were making earlier in the half," Dandrea said.

Finishing the half on that note frustrated the Blue Streaks, as the players are well aware of how important that can be.

"Closing out the first half or the end of the game strong is very important — especially in this conference," said junior Brian Hamrick.



Photo courtesy of Otterbein Sports Information Department

Sophomore Maurice Haynes barrels through an Otterbein defender en route to scoring two of his 15 points in the game.

"If you let up at all, any team can put a run together and beat you."

Just as they were at the conclusion of the first half, the Blue Streaks continued to be flat in the second half. Otterbein rode their momentum to rattle off an 18-3 run and take a 61-47 lead with 13:43 left in the game.

JCU remained calm and stuck to their game. The Blue Streaks tied the game at 73 when junior Rudy Kirbus scored two of his career-high 26 points, and then recaptured the lead with just under four minutes to

play when Dandrea knocked down a three-pointer.

The Blue Streaks never relinquished the lead due to key baskets and free throws down the stretch from Kirbus, Haynes and Dandrea as the trio combined to score the team's final ten points.

"We have been in a lot of close games this year, which I really think helped us a lot in this game because no one played scared or rattled. We have been in this situation before and knew what he had to do to win," said Kirbus.

JCU ATHLETICS SCOREBOARD

DEC. 1 - DEC. 9

Men's Basketball

JCU	86
Otterbein	81
JCU Leaders -	
Points:	
Rudy Kirbus	26
Rebounds:	
Maurice Haynes	9
Assists:	
Chris Zajac	5

Women's Basketball

JCU	72
Brockport	42
JCU Leaders -	
Points:	
Lee Jennings	47
Rebounds:	
Laura Gruber	16
Assists:	
Lee Jennings	9

Hockey

JCU	4
Indiana (PA)	5
JCU Leaders -	
Goals:	
Danny Geiger	1
Louis Grandinetti	1
Brendan Lewis	1
Zack Skook	1
Assists:	
Nate Dobson	2
Saves:	
Nick Fabrizio	27

Wrestling

JCU	20
Mount Union	23

RIT Invitational

Finished 3rd of 13 teams

JCU Leaders -

Adam Kriwinsky
Champion (133 pounds)

Ben Adams
Runner-up (184 pounds)

Tim Lambert
Runner-up (285 pounds)

Swimming & Diving Carroll Classic

Men - 1st of four teams	Women -3rd of five teams
JCU Leader -	JCU Leader -
Eric Davis	Andrea Kovacs
Won six titles	Three top-three finishes

STREAKS OF THE WEEK



Swimming



Eric Davis
freshman

- Davis won six titles at the inaugural Carroll Classic. One of his most impressive victories came in the 100 fly when he shaved eight seconds off his preliminary time to win in 53.74 seconds.



Basketball



Rudy Kirbus
junior

- For the third time in as many games, Kirbus went over the 20-point mark. His 26 points against Otterbein tied his career-high, and led the Blue Streaks to victory in their OAC opener.



Wrestling



Ben Adams
junior

- After a major decision in his match against Mount Union College, Adams responded by placing second at the 43rd annual RIT Invitational. He was 3-1, including two victories by falls.



Basketball



Lee Jennings
sophomore

- Jennings poured in 28 points against Otterbein, tying her career-high. Those 28 points helped the Blue Streaks go over the century mark for the first time in over a decade.



Swimming



Andrea Kovacs
senior

- Kovacs had a hand in three top-three finishes. Individually, she won the 50 free and took third in the 100 free. She was also a member of the victorious 200 medley relay team.

Women's basketball team goes over century mark

Blue Streaks use high octane offense, tough defense to win four straight

Charlie Duggan
Staff Reporter

When the Ohio Athletic Conference coaches' preseason poll came out, the Blue Streaks were picked to finish third in the conference, their highest ranking since the 1994-95 season.

After starting their season 0-2, some may have wondered if those expectations were a bit too high.

Based on what they have done in the last four games, no one is questioning the team now.

The Blue Streaks' most recent game was also their best offensive output in over a decade.

JCU dismantled the Otterbein Cardinals by a score of 102-75 in the OAC opener for both teams. The win was the fourth in a row for JCU.

It was a career day for a trio of Blue Streaks. Sophomore guard Lee Jennings paced the offensive attack with 28 points, tying her career-high. Jennings' backcourt mate, junior Whitney Hamilton also tied her career-high with 24 points of her own. Junior Laura Gruber scored a new career-high 19 points.

However, the offensive output should not overshadow a solid defensive effort.

JCU forced 19 turnovers and out-rebounded Otterbein 44-31 while limiting the Cardinals to just three offensive rebounds.

"Our defense is what determines how we play," said Jennings, who leads the team in scoring and assists and is tied with Gruber and junior

Caitlin Sureck in the rebounding category.

The Blue Streaks defense held Otterbein's preseason All-American guard Laura Roth to just five points in the game while forcing her to turn the ball over eight times.

This victory came on the heels of the Blue Streaks knocking off SUNY Brockport on Dec. 1.

The Blue Streaks returned rested from Thanksgiving break and took control of the game early, carrying a 13-point advantage into the half.

If Brockport had any thoughts of a comeback, those thoughts were quickly dismissed after an 11-0 JCU run built the Blue Streaks lead to 52-28.

Jennings led the team with 19 points, while fellow guards Hamilton and senior Rachael Price had 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Defense was again a big key to the Blue Streaks success in this game.

JCU forced 21 Golden Eagle turnovers and limited the visitors to 17-64 shooting from the field en route to a 72-42 victory.

The offensive numbers have been eye-popping over the last four games.

Since the 0-2 start when JCU averaged just 64 points per game, the Blue Streaks have exploded offensively and won these past four games by averaging 89.5 points per contest in that span.

Still, Jennings is quick to remind fans that the Blue Streaks recent success can be credited to their strong defense.



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Senior Rachael Price, shown here looking for a teammate against Otterbein on Dec. 6, scored ten points in the victory over Otterbein. She has worked hard at the other end too, as she leads the OAC in steals.

"Our commitment to defense is the sole purpose for the way we're playing right now and our biggest challenge this season is going to be keeping our defensive intensity at a high level," she said. "We're a team that gets our offense off our defense."

Jennings, who has been the ignitor of the Blue Streaks offense, gives all the credit for the defensive success to her teammates for playing good team defense, but says that the effort of Price has really stood out.

"When your senior leader shows the commitment on defense and

cares more about the success of the team rather than her own stats, the rest of us can't help but follow," Jennings said of Price.

Price's scoring numbers have dropped from last season, but she is currently first on the team and third in the conference in steals.

Although it's relatively early in the season, the Blue Streaks have a big test this Saturday when Capital University comes to University Heights.

The Crusaders were picked by the OAC coaches to finish second in the conference and have jumped

out to a 3-1 start, including a victory over nationally-ranked and OAC preseason favorite Baldwin-Wallace College.

With an offense that has been clicking as of late and a strong commitment to defense, the Blue Streaks will look to show anyone that may have jumped off the bandwagon that they were worth the preseason hype.

A win Saturday would certainly aid them in their goal of accomplishing something else they haven't done in the last decade: win the OAC championship.

Swimming begins new tradition by hosting first Carroll Classic

Ashley Bauer
Staff Reporter

It's the season of traditions, and the John Carroll University swimming and diving program looks like they have a new tradition to add to the list.

JCU hosted the first annual Carroll Classic this past weekend in the Johnson Natatorium. The JCU men's team won the team title by scoring 1,494 points, edging out Ohio Wesleyan who came in second place with 1,026 points.

Five teams competed in the two-day event, including the women's team from Marshall University, and both the men's and women's teams from Notre Dame College, Ohio Wesleyan University and Urbana University. The Classic was held Dec. 6-7.

To the team, this regular season victory was important in the big picture.

"We definitely wanted to win the meet being the host team," said freshman Eric Davis. "We really wanted to post some good midseason times."

And while it was a non-conference event, Davis said the other teams in the OAC should be on high alert for the up-and-coming JCU men's swimming team.

"Everyone knew all the OAC teams would be watching for results and we wanted to prove we are a contending team come February



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Freshman Melissa Fillmore was a two-time winner at the Carroll Classic, individually winning the 200-meter breaststroke in addition to being on the 200-yard medley relay team that finished in first place.

[at the conference championships]," he said.

The men's team dominated in the 50-meter freestyle, claiming the top three spots.

Freshman Alex Vereshchagin won the race in 21.86 seconds, and was followed to the wall by sophomore Max Wilberding (22.55) and junior David Perchinske (22.63).

Davis played a large role in the Blue Streaks victory as he won six titles throughout the weekend, including five victories on the first day

to give JCU a commanding lead.

The women's team fell short of the title with 1,093 points in a close competition behind Ohio Wesleyan (1,191.50) and Notre Dame College (1,170).

Senior Andrea Kovacs led the charge for the women's team.

Kovacs won the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 25.55 seconds and took third in the 100-meter freestyle. She also teamed up with freshmen Samantha Mossman and Melissa Fillmore, as well as

sophomore Katie Mathews in the 200-yard medley relay to earn a first place finish.

Sophomore Heidi Benson was also a vital figure for the Blue Streaks.

She took second place finishes in both the 500-meter freestyle (5:23.65) and the 1650-meter freestyle (18:39.85).

"Since we were hosting the meet, it was important to do well at the Carroll Classic to represent our program," said Benson.

The Carroll Classic is unlike most dual meets held throughout the swim seasons.

This meet consists of both preliminary and final rounds, which allows swimmers the rare chance to compete in multiple events that are held during the championship round.

Head coach Matt Lenhart believes the classic was a great opportunity for JCU to prepare for any challenges they may face at later parts this season.

"The opportunity to swim a preliminary and final meet always helps in the long run," said Lenhart. "We squeezed a lot of swimming into two days and if they can handle that as well as they did, the conference format will not be as daunting."

Both the men's and women's teams will return to competition on Jan. 16.

In the meantime, they'll escape the cold and travel to Florida over Winter Break for an intense training session.

During the long layoff, the teams will continue to work hard in the pool with their goals in mind.

"Both teams have the goal of competing for the conference championship," said Lenhart. "Each of our swimmers and divers have their own personal goals, be it national qualifying, varsity records, OAC champions, conference finalists or a specific time that they are looking to [reach]."

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Editorial

Semester in Review

¶ The fall semester got off to a good start as one of the biggest freshmen classes in the history of the University came to campus. This influx of students caused housing problems that JCU wasn't ready for. ¶ By Homecoming, the traditionally sparsely attended dance was packed with students wanting to party the night away surrounded by Rock n' Roll history. In fact, the dance was so popular that many seniors and other students failed to get their hands on tickets and missed out on the big event. ¶ The campus community also made strides with going green. Part of this new idea includes a printing fee for students who go over a certain amount in Grasselli Library next semester. ¶ With the upcoming year, there comes a new hope. Here is what The Carroll News hopes to see in 2009 from the biggest newsmakers on campus.

Campus Safety Services

Perhaps the most disappointing story of the semester is CSS' failure to report a sex crime that happened last spring in a residence hall. CSS compromised the trust and safety of students when they fell short in making the report known to the public and reporting it in the campus safety log. CSS says that because they did not conduct the investigation, it was not necessary to officially document it. However, this is preposterous — all campus crimes, regardless of who investigates them, should be reported and made public. This was a complete failure on the part of CSS and the administration.

New Year's Resolution: It is crucial that CSS and the administration educate themselves on the Clery Act and do not let any crime go unreported. It looks very suspicious to students when this happens.

Student Union

Student Union made tremendous steps in giving student transportation a much needed face-lift. In October, SU began offering a shuttle to and from the Rapid station for breaks so that students traveling by plane can easily get back to campus rather than resort to taking an expensive cab ride or finding friends to pick them up. SU also created and successfully piloted the West Loop Shuttle — a van that transports students to areas like Coventry Village and Little Italy.

While transportation seems to be on the upswing, SU continues to struggle with Executive Board elections and voter turnout. In November, only 31 percent of the student body voted for SU senate positions. In the run-off election for president, a mere 17 percent voted. This has been the lowest voter turnout in four years. The low voter turnout of the last SU election shows that the organization does not have a strong presence on campus.

Most disappointing though, is SU's inability to adequately address the administration's failure to report a rape that happened on campus. The SU cannot call itself the voice of the student body if it fails to hold people accountable.

New Year's Resolution: A mandatory campaigning policy incited by SU would increase voter turnout. While mass e-mails containing candidates' platforms are a step in the right direction, many students continue to be left in the dark about what candidates are setting out to do. SU needs to remember its purpose. They are meant to stand up for the student body, not roll over for them.

JCU Dining

Last summer's renovations to Schott Dining Hall were seen as a huge improvement. Students avidly welcomed the new setup, bright paint and colorful wall photography. However, the changes in policies made for a worse dining experience.

Students wait for food in longer lines than ever before and service continues to be slow. This poor logistical planning often causes students to have to rush their meals or opt for less healthy, but easily accessible options like pizza.

Additionally, the revamp to the take-out option, which includes a downsized cup, is not fit for a college student; many students are athletes or only have time to eat a few times a day and depend on a bigger portion to satisfy them.

New Year's Resolution: JCU Dining needs to focus on creating a more efficient process for serving students quicker, as well as re-evaluate the portions they allot to students getting take-out.



Cartoon by Joe Hinkel

HIT & miss

Hit: "Gifts that Give Twice" **Hit:** Secret Santa exchanges **Hit:** Holiday parties **miss:** Finals start next week **Hit:** Winter Formal **Hit:** Theology on Tap **Hit:** Taking a tour at the original "A Christmas Story" house in Tremont **miss:** Rioting youths in Greece **Hit:** Men's basketball win over Otterbein **Hit:** Carriage rides at Legacy Village **Hit:** JCU men's swimmers wins The Carroll Classic **Hit:** David Gregory becomes permanent replacement for the late Tim Russett on "Meet the Press" **Hit:** Great shopping deals **miss(ing):** Plows in the parking lots **Hit:** Women's basketball scores more than 100 points in game for the first time in over ten years **miss(ing):** Salt on the icy sidewalks **miss:** Only three weeks of winter break **Hit:** 40-year anniversary of JCU becoming co-ed

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OURVIEW

The pleasure of holiday commercials



Margaret Phillips
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Christmas is easily one of my favorite times of year. Besides the decorations and lights, however, one of my favorite parts about Christmas is the commercials.

As a little kid, the commercials were fun since they inevitably caused me to change my Christmas wish list for Santa. (I have no doubt that was a huge hassle for my poor parents!)

But, even now, I can't wait to see the commercials change from falling leaves to falling snow and happy families searching for the perfect Christmas tree.

I mean, who doesn't at least eagerly await the new Coca-Cola commercial with the cute polar bears and cubs?

Thus, with my interest in such

commercials, it's no surprise that my attention was caught this past Saturday by a commercial starting with Santa Claus. Instead of being greeted to another commercial about toys, or cookies, even expensive jewelry, I was greeted to an advertisement for a product called "Love Rub."

My friend and I were transfixed (awkwardly) to the television, watching a scene of a male Santa and a "sexy" female "Santa" discussing the pleasures possible with this oil. It was the kind of commercial that makes you shift several times in your seat and cross your legs multiple times, since the words "love rub" were used about twice in every sentence.

As the commercial ended, I turned to my friend and couldn't help but laugh. When did Christmas commercials start exploiting sex?

Granted, I shouldn't really be surprised, since many other commercials have been using sex in advertising for several years now (and this particular one was being shown at 2 a.m.). What started with beer and erectile dysfunction ads, however, has grown to being almost

every other commercial on TV.

Even benign products like jeans happily make viewers think they're about to become voyeurs to some sexual tryst between two teens in order to sell their product.

I've commented to friends several times about how certain commercials on TV now never would have graced our screens five years ago. For instance, the whole "K-Y Yours + Mine" gel. Can you imagine seeing it advertised on TV when you were a kid?

Maybe I just watched different channels when I was younger, and so wasn't exposed to the same barrage of sex-laced ads selling jewelry, perfume, clothes, gels, alcohol, movies, music, fast food and anything else companies think they can sell with sex.

Don't get me wrong though. I enjoy occasional sexual innuendo. (I mean, I am an English major.) I just think it's a bit excessive to have springing hats and fantasy Arby's waitresses to advertise a roast beef sandwich.

On that note, I hope everyone has a successful finals week and a "pleasurable" Christmas break.

Lo Castro's Lowdown



Jenna Lo Castro
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

Gettin' the word on:

Home for the Holidays
(and awkward run-ins)

To me, going home for the holidays means three things: Eating myself into a diabetic coma, quarreling with loved ones and experiencing at least a handful of awkward run-ins. While the first two on my list typically entail a degree of pure delight (followed by heartburn) or entertainment, the latter can be as traumatizing as it is agonizing.

Now, we've all gone home with the intent of visiting good friends that we haven't seen in several months. But then there are the situations that are totally unplanned, unanticipated and utterly uncomfortable.

Take for example, what I like to call "The Run-out, Run-in." I bet you your ticket to the Midnight Breakfast you have familiarity with this situation: Your mom is cooking and runs out of some critical key ingredient—let's pretend it's eggs. So you, being the sweet child home from college that you are, volunteer to run out to the local Giant Eagle.

Not wanting to deal with the debauchery of the self-scan checkout line, you go to a real, live cashier. (Your first mistake of the break.) Of course, it's "What's His Face." You went to high school with the kid, maybe even had a class or two with him. But you two never spoke more than five words to each other and you honestly, for the life of you, cannot remember his name. He, of course, remembers yours. And your mom's. And the fact that you dated the token ginger, Jeremy Fuglemeister sophomore year.

You, out of unadulterated embarrassment, keep calling him "dude" and "man," while simultaneously searching the back of your brain for his name. The conversation normally ends with you screaming "Merry Christmas" over your shoulder as you bolt out, eggs in hand.

Another hometown holiday horror fest that can have debilitating effects on group outings is what I refer

to as "The Brian/Karen Effect." If you're familiar with the Dane Cook skit about Brian and Karen, then you'll surely be able to relate first-hand to this: You decide to go out with a few of your high school buddies for a beer at the T.G.I. Fridays down the street. You are all invested in a humorous 25-minute anecdote, when, from the corner of your eye, you see Brian. Brian is that universal character that we all went to high school with. Whenever you get together with friends, Brian always just seems to "randomly show up."

No one ever calls him or texts him to let him know where they're going to be. It's as if by the magical misgivings of David Blane himself, that Brian seems to appear out of thin air, ready to rock n' roll.

You all instinctively slouch farther down in your seats hoping Brian doesn't see you. But he does and greets all of you with high fives.

And lastly, and perhaps the most awkward of the threesome, is the "Ex Face-off." We've all run into ex-boy/girlfriends, but nothing says, "I need a hard drink" more than running into him/her with the new squeeze around the holidays. Of course, this always happens when you're alone (no entourage to help you out) and looking like a hot mess. Typical chat topics go as far as the health of your parents and end with some awkward attempt at a hug that looks like a tribal mating dance.

Though, if you're able to walk away from this or any of the other run-ins still looking suave, kudos to you. Clearly, you're a pro at surviving the holiday season.

And just remember, while home may not always be where the heart is, it's definitely where you can always count on some jaw-dropping incidents to take place.

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Wonderword

What does tintinnabulation mean?



"Carols pertaining to the holidays."
Nick Tormento,
senior



"A dance people do when they have ants in their pants."
Ellen Neumeister,
junior



"The process by which tin is made."
Mitchell Rains,
senior

Tintinnabulation is a tinkling sound, as of a bell or bells.

That's what See said: Managing time without time management



Bob Seeholzer
Features Editor

It's that time of year again. Snow is falling, layers are being layered and those boots with the fur are getting soggy.

Oh, and then there's final exams. As we come to the end of classes, I thought it would be appropriate to reflect on how my time has been managed this semester. Did I say "my" time? I meant a hypothetical

person's time. That's right professor — this is all hypothetical so don't dock my grade based on the work ethic of this hypothetical individual I'm about to describe.

Let's start at the beginning—waking up. I've never been a fan of waking up. Period. Never mind waking up to the prospect of four classes. Plus, I'm on the top bunk so getting down to turn off the alarm is like Charlize Theron in the movie "Monster," not pretty but an award-winning performance.

After attempting to shake off the drowsiness, I grab my backpack and head off to class. Surviving class is arguably the most difficult part of the day, despite the fact that my classes aren't especially

demanding.

After that, it's time for practice, and then the rest of the day is pretty open to handle homework. That leaves a solid four to five hours to work on it. When I head to bed, I realize that I haven't finished it. There just never seems to be enough time in the day.

And here comes the point: My excuses for not having time management mastered. I'm not a freshman anymore and I should have this down by now. Unfortunately, I keep finding new obstacles to throw in my own path. I've heard that it's healthy to eat three meals a day, so I usually go to the dining hall twice a day. I don't just stop by to grab a meal though; I come down to avoid

responsibility for at least an hour. What can I say? I'm a rebel without a cause.

In-depth exploration of the JCU campus has often distracted me from Robert Frost and John Dewey. I should have taken a class on Lewis and Clark so that my coast to coast knowledge of campus would actually work in my favor.

The Internet has also stolen several tenths of a point from my GPA, but it's not like I can survive without it.

The gift and the curse of the World Wide Web is that it provides the resources I need to do my homework but distracts me with things like reply-all e-mails and Facebook notifications.

Food doesn't stop haunting me once I leave the dining hall. The Inn-Between doesn't even have late night swipes anymore, but I still find a way to justify heading down there multiple times per week in order to piss away my plus points.

Then there's the weekly obligation of a 500-word essay known as "That's What See Said," which takes time away from...ah, who am I kidding? I sit in class thinking about the next installment instead of taking notes from PowerPoint presentations.

Now if you'll excuse me I have three months of material to cover this weekend.

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YOURVIEW

Letters to the Editor

Proposition 8

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Generally speaking, I believe the government should have as little involvement as possible in people's lives. However, I support state constitutional amendments banning gay marriage.

Why are constitutional amendments necessary? Largely due to the "Full Faith and Credit Clause" in Article 4 of the Constitution which states that all official government documents (such as a marriage license) must be accepted by all states. So if you are gay and get married in Connecticut, Ohio must also accept the validity of the marriage.

But why do people have a problem with gay marriage? People that support gay marriage would like to make it a "civil rights" issue. But this is false. Gays have the same exact rights as every other American. They are entirely free to marry, so long as it is heterosexually.

For all of recorded human history marriage has been between man and woman. Not always between one man and one woman, but it was always between those two opposite and complementary sexes. I am for civil unions for gays. They should be able to get the benefits a couple deserve, but there is no need to redefine what constitutes marriage.

Finally, my strongest argument against gay marriage is that it is an extremely slippery slope. Say we grant gays the ability to marry, because it is their "civil right" and because "they love each other." What is to stop the practice of polygamy from becoming legal?

Surely that could be deemed a civil right and surely a man can love more than one woman? What is to stop a man from marrying say his dog? It sounds ridiculous but the logic holds. Can that not be considered a civil right? Can't a man love his dog?

Redefining marriage can be a very slippery slope. Let's hope judges, the only people who will force this issue on us, since no legislative body seems willing, stop trying to shove this issue down our throats and let marriage remain as is.

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SU & the SAF

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In order to clear up confusion about the Student Activity Fee (SAF) allocations and process, the Student Union Executive Board has composed this letter to explain how your representatives at the Student Union are involved in this process.

The Student Activity Fee Allocation Committee (SAFAC) is composed of the Student Union Vice President for Business Affairs (VPBA), Auditor, Student Union Programming Board (SUPB) Finance Director and three of the main stakeholders that receive a portion of the SAF.

Recently, it has been decided that three additional students will be added to the committee, one senator and two students at large, in order to increase student input.

In the fall, SAFAC develops a proposal about whether the amount of the SAF should change and if any stakeholders should be added, based on projected programs and services.

During the spring, SAFAC has a part in recommending specific allocations of the SAF to each approved stakeholder. In both the fall and spring, a bill of recommendation is presented to the Student Union Senate describing SAFAC's recommendations.

After the bills have been tabled for one week to allow for discussion with the student body, they are voted upon and approved by a majority vote.

Upon passage, the bills are sent to the Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA) for approval. The VPSA and Board of Trustees make all final decisions on the annual allocation of the SAF.

This year, the Legion of Student Organizations (LSO) received \$55,000 of the SAF. The allocation process has been restructured so that its budget accounts for student organization programming, operating, traveling and service.

The SUPB budget of \$383,000 is used to fund all Thursday, Friday and Saturday night programming sponsored by the organization.

The Student Union budget of \$50,000 is used for programs and services such as the Readership Program, shuttles to and from the airport during breaks, donations to philanthropies such as Footprints for Fatima and Relay for Life, and day-to-day organization expenditures. The budget is made by the VPBA based upon fixed costs and previous year expenditures. It is reviewed and approved annually by the Student Union Senate.

The role of the senator is to represent the best interests of his or her constituency having been elected to the position by his or her peers.

All budgets are presented to the Senate at a regular Senate meeting, which is open to the entire student body, and tabled for a week to ensure that senators have enough time to communicate with students and gather feedback.

You're wrong, I'm Rafferty:

The ABC's of Finals Week: Advice, Beer and Christmas



Andrew Rafferty
Editor in Chief

For me, exam week is all about blue books and beer bongs.

We all have our own study habits. Some people like to spend two days making a study guide, only to fail because they spent all their time making the guide and not actually studying it.

Other people like to blast their iPods while reading in hopes T-Pain can give them better insight into Descartes' theory of substance dualism.

I like to party while I study. That is why I go to Grasselli Library, then the Breen Learning Center for after hours.

Some people will try to tell you that during exam week the library is loud and crowded and not a good place to study. It's a fair point; sophomore year I spent a study session listening to a girl tell her boyfriend that she didn't want him to drink on

Christmas Eve because she's sick of him being hung over on Christmas. Talk about a Grinch.

The library can be a loud place during exams because we all have something in common. You're going to interact with people you have not had any contact with the entire semester. You know, like that kid you sit next to in economics but never talk to. You think his name is Tim, but it could be Tom. Well, when it's the night before the exam and you see Tim-Tom in the library, you're going to talk to him.

You'll ask him something like, "Hey man, you ready for this?" Whenever I pose this question I make sure I have the text book visibly in hand in case Tim-Tom doesn't recognize me.

He'll have one of two answers: "I don't think it will be too bad" or "I'm just ready for this to be over." You will then talk about how much you are looking forward to Winter Break.

The reason I like going to the library is because of people like Tim-Tom and the "last-effort lap." That is, when I'm plowing through a study guide and get to something I have no idea about, I do a lap around

the library in hopes of finding someone in my class.

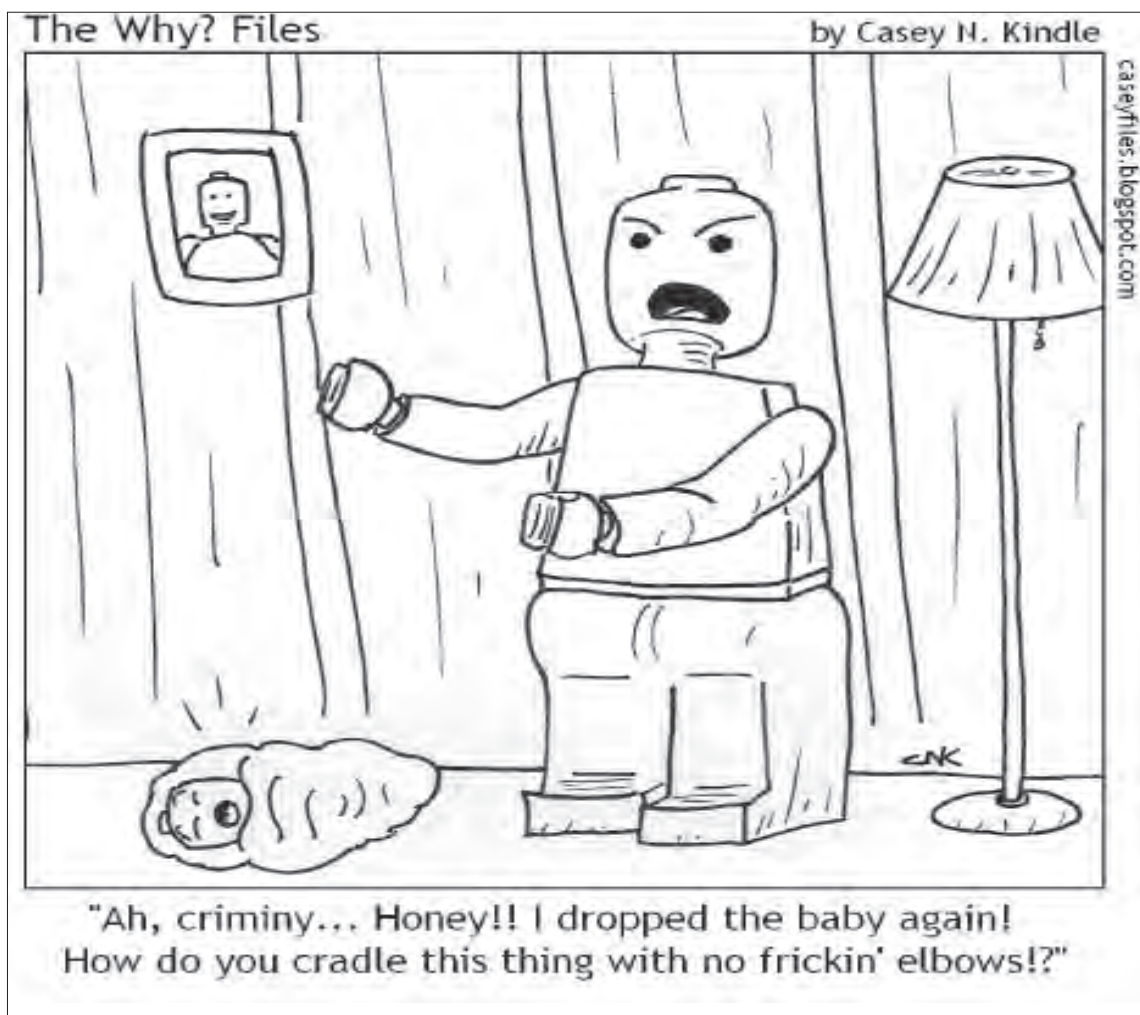
If I am able to find this person, I can either get some insight into the answer or comfort in knowing that someone else is as clueless as me. The best case scenario is that I find someone who says, "Yes, I know exactly what the answer is and I have outlined it in a study guide that I am willing to provide to you free of charge."

In some ways I am a free loader. But I'm not as bad as that kid who never comes to class but insists on getting a study group together. By study group, he really means tutor session. We're on to you.

So as this most stressful time falls upon us, remember that you probably will never know what you get on your finals anyway. When you check your grades after the semester, it only lists your grade in the course.

And, if you party your way through exam week like me, it will be Christmas before you know it. It is the recipe for success.

At about 3 p.m. on Dec. 19, after my last exam, I'll be seated in the bar at Pizzazz. I look forward to seeing you there.



Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays from The Carroll News

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